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CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF
WHILE MANY spectators showed up hoping to see a wrecking ball at work, they were instead treated to a mechanical claw grabbing a corner of the former Mr. Michael's Restaurant.

Coastal Cleanup outlook is picking up

Community will pitch in at annual event on Sept. 16

By Joaquin McPeck
STAFF WRITER

65,735. Sounds like a good figure if your counting the number of fans at a 49ers game, but that's actually the number of food wrappers found lying along the beaches that were picked up last year at California Coastal Cleanup Day. The day spearheaded by the California Coastal Commission since 1995 has grown to become an annual mainstay in frontline environment action. On Sept. 16, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Berkeley and neighboring cities will join

the thousands of people across the state to pick up as much trash as possible along the shoreline. Volunteers will also cover the shore of Lake Tahoe the rivers of Sacramento and Fresno, and other distinct waterways in California. Even in an area with the reputation of showing concern for the environment, Berkeley, along with Albany and Emeryville still gathered close to 40 tons of trash at last year's event. Close to seven million people are crammed in the Bay Area, which translates to a growing amount of waste. "Our plan is to clean to cover the entire Berkeley waterfront," said Martha Berthelsen, an assistant at the Shorebird Nature Center. The center, which focuses on educat-

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Plaza ceremony a time to look ahead and look back

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It finally happened — well, kind of. The ground breaking ceremony for the new El Cerrito Plaza last Tuesday was both more and less than what one might have expected. More than 300 people braved a cold morning drizzle and overcast skies to be on hand for the start of the official demolition of the 42-year-old Plaza. Shouts, yells and applause rose from the crowd when a big yellow and black Caterpillar claw took a few dinosaur-size bites out of a corner roof of the north-west Plaza building. Representatives from Plaza co-owners Albertson's and Regency Realty, the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, council members, former council members, current and former city staff, former Capwell's and Emporium workers and plenty of others were there to watch and photograph the historic and emotional event for the city of El Cerrito. Blue, yellow and white balloons bobbed from strings in the parking lot, black-and-white photos of the vintage Plaza were on display along with color architectural drawings of the new Plaza. A buffet table was loaded with cakes, fruits and other goodies. A large banner reading "El Cerrito Ground Breaking Ceremony" was draped behind the lectern with scores of balloons above. After the build up of expectations, one could tell the crowd was a little disappointed that none of the buildings actually came down. The old Emporium building is still the biggest structure in the city and will remain El Cerrito's outdated but distinctive architectural gran dam for a bit longer. It was also apparent, however, that for many people who came out for the "demolition party," the event was an emotional time. "Nostalgia — sadness — closure," answered Berkeley resident Paul Grunland when asked why he was at the ceremony.

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CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF
PRESCHOOLERS FROM Willow Street Schoolhouse, top, came with Diana Bickham and her son Robbie to watch the demolition. Above, Regency Realty senior Vice President Tom Engberg talks about the renovation plans.

Montessori School wins final approval

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It took two public hearings at three City Council meetings, but the Rising Sun Montessori School finally got a green light from the council last week. On a three-yes and two-abstention-vote, the council approved the new child care facility in the Trinity Evangelical Free Church at 7200 Schmidt Lane. A number of conditions and restrictions were placed on the approval, including a maximum enrollment of 35 children, limiting outdoor play time to a total of 3.5 hours a day, locating an outdoor hard-surface play area away from nearby homes and instituting a strict complaint procedure for neighbors to use if necessary. Also, an English Laurel hedge separating the neighbors' properties and the church will be allowed to grow to 6 or 8 feet in height to serve as a noise buffer. A fence between the neighbors and the school to reduce noise may be required at a later date. The fence issue will be addressed by city planning staff working

together with neighbors, school and church principals. Neighbor Hal Schultz, citing noise, the concentration of child care centers in the neighborhood and other concerns, appealed an earlier Planning Commission decision to allow the school to locate in the church. A dozen Schmidt Lane and Lawrence Court neighbors signed a petition last spring opposing the school. Several people spoke for or against the new school at last week's meeting and the city also received several letters prior to the public hearing. "We know it's a noisy situation," Schultz said about the noise neighbors fear will come from the planned school. "The neighbors still remain opposed to the new child care facility," he added later. "However, if the council elects to grant the use permit, the neighbors are requesting that conditions be included." Alice Sherwood lives on adjacent Lawrence Court and said 35 cars will pass right by her back fence and yard

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Odds don't seem to favor El Cerrito shuttle plan

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The longshot got a little longer last week. A West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) vote last Friday was the "kiss of death" for the City Council's shuttle bus hopes said WCCTAC board member and El Cerrito Councilwoman Janet Abelson. WCCTAC voted 6-1 to support an alternative plan that calls for a new pay-for-parking garage near the Plaza BART and using some of the revenue generated to pay for a commuter shuttle to both BART stations in the city. The vote for the alternative plan was essentially a vote against the council's shuttle bus plan. Abelson was the only WCCTAC board member to vote against the alternative plan. Critics of the council's shuttle bus plan say it is not honoring the intent of Measure C passed by the voters in 1988 and calls for, in part, money to be used for BART parking in El Cerrito. Abelson pointed out earlier this week

that the WCCTAC vote is not the final word. WCCTAC is an advisory board to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), the body that will make the final decision about the council's shuttle bus plan. "It is hard to imagine how it would ever pass," said Abelson about the shuttle proposal's chances with the transportation authority after the WCCTAC vote. "I don't know that it would have happened anyway, but that did it — the final nail in the coffin." Council members Gina Brusatori and Kathleen Perka also attended last week's WCCTAC meeting with Abelson. In a July report, El Cerrito planning manager Jill Keimach said that unless a "financial advance or augmentation" can be negotiated, funds for shuttle operation under the alternative plan would not be available until 2003. Use of all remaining Measure C funds will be considered this fall when the transportation authority updates its strategic plan, Keimach said in her report.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

Harding principal reception

A welcoming reception for new Harding Elementary School principal Barbara Taylor will be held from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 7 in Room 1 at the school, at the corner of Ashbury and Fairmount avenues.

Ohlone Greenway cleanup

Volunteers are welcome at the next cleanup from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 on the Ohlone Greenway from Fairmount Avenue to the Albany/El Cerrito border. Meet on the Greenway at Fairmount Avenue. Volunteers will be doing general clean-up, weeding, pruning, cleaning out the creek near Fairmount. Participants should bring work gloves and gardening tools if possible.

Friends book sale

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library will hold their annual fund-raising book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17. Thousands of books for readers of all ages, along with lots of CDs, videos, books-on-tape and music recordings, will be offered at very low prices. Selection includes fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, children's books, history, sports, philosophy, business, travel, art and science. On Sunday, all items will be sold at half price. From 2-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, West County teachers may select any unsold books at no cost for use in their classrooms. The sale will be held behind the library at 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. The Friends' sales of books raised more than \$5,000 last year. The money is used to sponsor special programs and buy materials for the El Cerrito library.

City Wide Garage Sale

The 11th Annual City Wide Garage Sale will be held on Oct. 7. To be added to the city's mailing list, mail your name and address to El Cerrito Recycling, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Attn: Garage Sale 2000 or call 215-4350.

Family story time

The Kensington Library hosts a free 7

p.m. family story time program this month for all ages on Sept. 5, 12 and 26. Details: 510-524-3043.

Curb-side additions

Curb-side collection of mixed paper and magazines begins in El Cerrito Tuesday, Sept. 5. This addition to the curb-side recycling program is intended to help further reduce household waste sent to landfills. Details on the curb-side recycling program will be mailed to homes this month. In the meantime, the city reminds residents that the El Cerrito Recycling Center accepts mixed paper and magazines year-round.

Shoreline cleanup

Friends of Five Creeks leads a shoreline clean-up walk, talking about history, wildlife, and restoration possibilities from Strawberry to Codornices Creeks, 10 am Saturday, Sept. 16, as part of Coastal Cleanup 2000. Meet at Sea Breeze Market, south of University Avenue just west of the freeway in Berkeley. Details: 510 848 9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

Recorder players

The East Bay Recorder Society begins its new year at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, in the choral room at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Society meets monthly, all playing levels welcome. Bring recorders and music stand. Professional conductor. Call Glen Shannon at 510-525-1249 for more information.

Legal rights of cancer victims

"What's cancer got to do with it?" is the topic of a free legal workshop from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. The workshop will address your legal rights in the workplace and to medical insurance, even if you have a history of cancer. Topics will include the ADA, COBRA, and HIPAA, presented by employment law attorney Janis Eggleston, ERISA attorney Janet Brown and Dan Hersh, health insurance specialist with HCFR. To pre-register or for more information, call Catherine Porter,

Women's Cancer Resource Center legal services coordinator, 510-548-9286, ext. 303. The center is wheelchair-accessible.

Graduate Council lectures

The UC Berkeley Graduate Council again sponsors its public lectures series. The fall 2000 Howison Lecturer in Philosophy is Michael Frede, professor of the history of philosophy at Oxford University, presenting "On Aristotle's Notion of the Soul." The lecture will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, in the Tol Room of UC Berkeley's Alumni House. The lecture is free and open to the public. For disability-related accommodation, please call 510-643-7413 10 working days in advance of event.

The fall 2000 Hitchcock Professor is Joel E. Cohen, Abby Rockefeller Mauzé professor at Rockefeller University and a renowned environmental scientist. His first lecture, "How Many People Can the Earth Support?" will be held at 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, and his second lecture, "Human Carrying Capacity: Concepts, Methods and Models," will be presented at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13. Both lectures will take place at UC Berkeley's International House Auditorium, 2299 Piedmont Ave. (at Bancroft Way). A special presentation of films and discussion on population issues will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the Chan Shun Auditorium, 2050 Valley Life Sciences Building on the UC Berkeley campus. For additional information about this and other lectures, call 510-643-7413, e-mail: lectures@ucblink4.berkeley.edu, or visit online at www.grad.berkeley.edu/lectures.

Garden docents needed

The University of California Botanical Garden is seeking volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the garden. Knowledge of plants and prior teaching experience is useful, but not required. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. Training begins Sept. 11. Call 643-1924 for information.

Business held up at knife point

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — Around midnight on Aug. 17 a man with a knife held up the Super Stop, 11687 San Pablo Ave., and fled with \$200. A store employee described him as white and in his early 20s, thin and about 6-foot-4 with short, slicked back brown hair, wearing a white bandanna across his face, and wearing a white "L.S." T-shirt and gray pants.

■ The night of Aug. 6 the tires were slashed of a Toyota Tacoma parked on the 7500 block of Levison Avenue.

■ Two cars that were stolen last week — a Geo Metro stolen at the Target parking lot at 11450 on Aug. 24 and a Toyota Cressida taken from the 1600 block of Lexington Avenue — were found and returned to their owners.

According to a police report, there

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were no suspects for either incident.

■ The night of Aug. 6 someone attempting to steal a car in a carport on the 3200 block of Belmont Avenue tore apart the steering column, resulting in \$500 worth of damage.

■ On Aug. 2 a man and woman in their 20s allegedly fled the Hollywood Video store on 1511 San Pablo Ave. with several videos hidden under their jackets. Police have no leads on the couple.

■ On August 8 a window was smashed and a jacket stolen from a car parked near the intersection of Knott Avenue and San Pablo Avenue.

■ The evening of August 19 a 20-year-old Suisun man was arrested in El Cerrito for driving while intoxicated, and the passenger, 22, was

placed under citizen's arrest for dishing a firearm. Police said stopped the two after seeing a gun call. The same night a 44-year-old man received a DUI during a traffic stop at Eureka and San Pablo avenues.

■ On Aug. 18 another man was given a DUI after being arrested for "driving an unsafe vehicle" according to police.

■ The afternoon of Aug. 19 a 22-year-old man was arrested for driving on a suspended license and was stopped for vehicle code violations.

■ A 20-year-old Berkeley man was arrested early Aug. 20 for Jack-In-The-Box at San Pablo and Cutting Boulevard for driving a stolen car. According to the man told police the location of another stolen vehicle.

Fight at party leads to two arrests

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — Officers were called to the 700 block of Adams Street three times starting around 11:30 p.m. on the night of Aug. 22 on reports of a noisy party, involving drugs and alcohol, being hosted by a 19-year-old Albany man. The party had moved from the house to the street. Each time officers responded they advised the group to return to the house. At about 12:30 a.m. officers were again called to the area on reports of a fight breaking out in the house and moving out to the street. Officers responded and found a 17-year-old Albany boy who had been hit and kicked by at least two other party attendees. He was transported to Alta Bates hospital. Officers arrested an 18-year-old Albany man at the scene for assault and battery and he was transported to the Berkeley jail. Another attacker, also an 18-year-old Albany man, was arrested a short time later at the 7-Eleven store on Solano Avenue. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear. Officers are still investigating the incident.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 22 a resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that 10 minutes prior unknown vandals had driven by her house and thrown

something at her front window causing it to break. She did not see the subjects, just heard the noise of the car and breaking window. An hour later the resident reported that their dark blue '89 Ford Mustang had been stolen from in front of their house. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Aug. 22 a resident on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a wheel from his black '98 Ford Escort parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of Aug. 22 San Francisco police reported locating a white '89 Toyota that had been reported as stolen by an Albany resident. They also reported having a suspect in custody. The owner of the car was notified.

■ On the morning of Aug. 24 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that thieves had broken into a green Chrysler she had rented. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Aug. 25 a business owner on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals had "tagged" the front window of the building causing damage to the glass. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Aug. 25 a resident on the 500 block of Curtis Street reported that all four tires of his green '94 Nissan Sentra were flat.

There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Aug. 22 an incident on the 900 block of Commercial Avenue reported that vandals slashed two tires on her beige car while it was parked in the driveway. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 3:00 a.m. on Aug. 22 officers responded to report a person sleeping in a Dodge van in a parking lot of a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers contacted the 22-year-old Ridgeville man. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the evening of Aug. 27 an incident on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue reported that vandals broken the wooden gate to her backyard. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Aug. 20, Albany officers towed five vehicles, responded to 11 false alarms, assisted eight lost or deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to five reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to 20 civil disturbances and 89 civil assists. Officers issued 112 cars and/or pedestrians issued 60 citations and 52 warnings. Albany firefighters/paramedics responded to three fire calls and 13 medical emergencies.

El Cerrito committee's recommendations summary

EL CERRITO — Here are the summary recommendations of the Committee of the Whole report on city finances, presented to and accepted by the City Council in late July.

The council voted to accept and "aggressively move forward" to develop an action plan to implement the committee's recommendations. A copy of the full CotW report is available at the library.

RECOMMENDATION 1: CotW recommends that a multi-year master plan for maintenance and for infrastructure replacement be developed and implemented. This plan should include an accurate evaluation of the annual maintenance and repair costs of the city's infrastructure. Current and future budgets should include these items. CotW also recommends that the council obtain valid cost estimates for major

projects and that those estimates be updated periodically.

RECOMMENDATION 2: CotW recommends that the council 1) reevaluate the applicability and utilization of the Andersen Report, 2) adopt a policy utilizing total compensation, merit and bonus considerations, 3) separate the city manager's salary policy from the rest of management to avoid any conflict of interest, 4) establish a new compensation package for the city manager based on accomplishment of specific objectives and 5) set a severance pay policy for city managers.

RECOMMENDATION 3: CotW recommends that the council adopt

the "Budget" projection technique a budgeting tool.

RECOMMENDATION 4: CotW recommends that the council do the purpose of the undesignated fund serve and use any excess for non-current expenses. (Also, see Recommendation 5 below).

RECOMMENDATION 5: CotW recommends that: 1. Maintenance be covered as an expense in the annual budget and not in a reserve fund; 2. The existing capital facilities maintenance reserve be maintained and a capital replacement fund be created in its place; 3.

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Focus on Chroma Salon

By Roxanne Wiley
CHAMBER MANAGER

Terri Varela is our newest member and she is the proud owner of Chroma, which is a wonderful tonorial salon located on lower Solano. Terri has been doing this for some five years and is quite adept at her trade. And she is also multifaceted—she also is an actress and is often in local theater productions.

Her shop is an upscale cozy environment with original art on the walls and a general feeling of beauty all around and she offers all manner of beauty treatments (there are two other stylists busy at work with Terri). To keep her skills honed she travels to New York for the latest techniques in hair cutting and coloring.

When I met Terri she was trying to place a banner above her entranceway and had to go through the usual city hall approval procedure. She has made it through and the banner will be up soon. Welcome to the neighborhood and to the folds of the Chamber Terri and may your banner forever wave.

Congratulations to our Treasures

The Solano Stroll will feature local legacies in the parade this year. These are people from Albany and Berkeley who have consistently given their all to the communities in which they live.

We are especially proud of our "Albanians," whom most of you know. They are Dario Meniketti, Jewell Okawachi, Jerome Blank, Maggie Shepherd and Patti Donald. I personally know three of these people and can attest to their devotion to our city.

Hooray and hats off to them.

Solano Stroll Sunday, Sept. 10



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TERRI VARELA proudly displaying her shop Chroma.

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

Once again, we'll be on the street, meeting and greeting our neighbors. The stroll will actually start with the annual pancake breakfast (which is always scrumptious) at 8 a.m. at Memorial Park, sponsored by the Berkeley and Albany Lions Club.

The Stroll Parade begins at 11 a.m. and goes from the top to the bottom of Solano Avenue. Celebrants can then stroll the Avenue after the parade passes by until 6 p.m.. There

will be live entertainment, sidewalk sales, information and food booths; Kidtown at the Albany end, with its juggling, carnival games, pony rides, dunk tank, dragon bounce, and a chance to make an art project; and Craft Alley.

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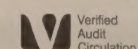
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Applicants sought for Kensington Fire District vacancy

The Kensington Fire Protection District is soliciting interest from residents to file for a vacancy on the Board of Directors that will become effective Dec. 1. Interested applicants must be a resident of Kensington for a minimum of two years and must be at least 21 years of age. The Board of Directors' term will begin with the district's Dec. 1 meeting. The Board of Directors' meetings include attending and participating in monthly public meetings, committee assignments, and serving as officers.

Those interested should submit a resume and brief statement of interest to the Kensington Public Safety Building, 1000 Kensington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707. Interviews of interested applicants will be held the evening of September 13 prior to the monthly meeting.

New Castro principal Back to School night

EL CERRITO — Castro families and other community members will have an opportunity to meet Castro Elementary School's new principal, Mary Green, at the school's Back to School cream social from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

Everyone is invited. The event will be held in the multipurpose room of the school; enter through the main entrance, between Gladys and Laurel avenues.

Donations are welcome. Green received her bachelor's degree from National University. He received his teaching credential and his degree from United States International University. He also attended the California Schools Leadership Academy in San Diego.

Green began his career as a teacher. He began teaching elementary school in 1990 at Johnson Elementary School in San Diego. He then taught at Wilson Middle School in San Diego. For the past four years, he has served as the vice principal at Horton Elementary School, also in San Diego. In addition, Green has served as an adjunct professor at United States International University.

He has been highly trained in literacy acquisition and has subsequently led workshops at his school

relating to district literacy standards, small group discussions, classroom centers, writing to support Read Aloud, independent reading, and shared reading. He believes strongly in community involvement and values diversity in our schools. He coordinated and gave support to many multicultural events and activities at Horton Elementary, including the Florencia Club, Ocelot Club, Lao New Year Celebration, the annual Multicultural Fair, and the Spanish Parent Organization, to name a few.

Harding School crossing guard hired

The El Cerrito Police Department has hired Rose Densmore, a 35-year resident of El Cerrito, as the new crossing guard for Harding Elementary School. Densmore started in the new position — created two years ago at the request of school parents worried about traffic hazards at the busy intersection of Fairmont and Ashbury avenues — when school opened Tuesday.

The best officer for the area provided the necessary training for Densmore to assume her crossing guard duties.

AC Transit schedule has improvements, route extensions

Buses direct to Oakland's newest attraction, the brand-new Chabot Space and Science Center, highlight the expanded bus routes and improved service schedules AC Transit introduced as of Aug. 27.

Line 53 buses from BART/Fruitvale and main line transfer connections on MacArthur, Foothill and International boulevards will serve the new Chabot observatory atop the Oakland hills seven days a week. With this change, bus service to the Lyman Road-Tiffin Road area of Oakland's Dimond District will be redesignated Line 53A. This change increases the frequency of bus service on Fruitvale Avenue between the BART station and MacArthur Boulevard to 15-minute intervals much of the day.

Also this weekend, various other transbay and local East Bay bus lines are scheduled for improvements, including:

■ Line 15, Oakland-Berkeley-Albany-El Cerrito Service, will be extended until 10 p.m. daily with trips between Montclair, downtown Oakland, and downtown Berkeley every 15 minutes until 7 p.m. and every 30 minutes thereafter. (On the Berkeley-El Cerrito segment of Line 15,

buses are scheduled at 30-minute intervals all day.)

■ Line 50, East Oakland-Alameda Route, will be extended via Alameda Point and the aircraft carrier USS Hornet to Alameda Ferry Terminal.

■ Line 98, East Oakland Route, will be extended to Grass Valley (replacing Line 56A).

■ Line LA, Transbay Express: Using new highway-cruiser coaches the transit district says are more comfortable, this commuter line gets more frequent service — with trips every 15 minutes during peak periods — linking the Richmond Parkway Transit Center with downtown San Francisco via the Interstate 80 diamond lane. (Line LB and Line 70 will replace former Line LA service in El Sobrante.)

■ Line 70, Richmond-El Sobrante Route, will be extended weekdays via Blume Drive to Hilltop Green in El Sobrante.

■ Line 71, Richmond: All-day, 30-minute service will provide trips to the Richmond Parkway Transit Center. Selected trips will serve Alan Ritchie Postal Facility and Point Pinole Park.

■ Line N, MacArthur Boulevard-San Francisco, and Line O, Alameda-San Francisco Service, will operate more frequently

■ Lines 40 and 43, San Leandro-Oakland-Berkeley: New, much-improved schedules will be introduced.

■ New Line 218: New weekday service from BART/Fremont will operate cross-town via Grimmer Boulevard, linking Ohlone College, the Fremont Senior Center, Grimmer Boulevard businesses, and Irvington High School. Line 218 buses run every 30 minutes, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

■ Line 374: Service on the route to the Richmond ferry service will be discontinued.

Detailed information on all of AC Transit's summer service changes is available in announcements and new pocket timetables being released on the buses.

It is available as well at AC Transit's Web site, www.actransit.dst.ca.us/service_changes.html.

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Richmond committee beaches ferry service

By Shawn Masten

STAFF WRITER

RICHMOND — A four-member City Council subcommittee has concluded that it is not financially feasible to keep the Richmond ferry going beyond its one-year anniversary.

The commuter service will be discontinued Sept. 27 as previously planned, according to officials of the city and Red and White Fleet, the ferry operator.

The news was formally delivered in an Aug. 11 letter inviting riders today and Thursday to discuss the future of the Richmond service on board the ferry during the evening trip home from San Francisco.

But all may not be lost.

Riders were asked to sit in on a citizens advisory panel to help raise money and come up with ideas to make the service successful.

The city also may seek up to \$2 million in state or federal funds to buy faster boats and lease them to a private operator, such as Red and White, said Councilman John Marquez, a subcommittee

member.

Swifter service could boost ridership from the daily average of about 50 passengers to the 200 to 250 needed to keep the service in the black, Marquez said.

"The council is fully committed to establishing a ferry service between Richmond and San Francisco," he said.

The ferry takes passengers from Richmond's landing at the foot of Harbour Way South to the San Francisco Ferry Building. Each 45-minute crossing costs \$5.

In June, Red and White announced it would scuttle the service starting Sept. 27 because of \$1 million in losses from low ridership.

During the past few months, the "Red and White Yacht Club," composed of two dozen Richmond Ferry riders, mostly from West County, who work in downtown San Francisco, have been trying to boost support. They've knocked on neighbors' doors, written letters, circulated fliers and lobbied public officials, hoping to keep the 11-month-old service from going under.

In July the group asked the council to help them keep the service afloat. The council stopped short of agreeing to residents' suggestions that the city purchase ferry tickets and resell them at a discount to new patrons to increase ridership.

But it did say it will work with them on other ideas pending the outcome of a ferry study. The council next month is expected to hear recommendations from the consultant it hired to determine whether there is a market for a Richmond ferry and to identify the ideal system, equipment and schedule for service.

Ferry service also is integral to the development boom planned along the city's south shoreline.

The plans, which include a "cyber-village" of live-work lofts at the former Ford assembly plant as well as a possible homefront visitor center as part of the Rosie the Riveter Memorial at nearby Marina Bay, are expected to bring scores of new workers, residents and tourists.

Measure's letter L irks library tax opponents

They say the name of Proposition L favors those who want it passed

By Denis Cuff

STAFF WRITER

Opponents of a library tax before Contra Costa voters in November accused county election officials Wednesday of favoritism for labeling it as Measure L.

The critics say election officials skipped over several letters to reach L, giving tax supporters an unfair advantage in crafting campaign jingles like one that links "Learning, Literacy, Local Libraries."

"It provides a perfect base for alliteration and phrasing that the proponents can use to get people's attention," said Don Lively, member of an anti-library tax group called Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers. "This was a bad judgment."

Supporters of the one-eighth cent sales tax said it was absurd to sug-

gest county election officials manipulated letter assignments to help the library measure pass.

"I think the opponents of the measure have been watching too many Oliver Stone movies," County Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier of Concord said in reference to the filmmaker famous for conspiracy theories. "I think they're reading too much into it."

Election administrators deny any bias. They said they came with an orderly assignment that made it simple for voters and election workers to keep track of the many measures on a crowded ballot.

"I followed the election code," said Hugh Denton, assistant county registrar, who assigned the letters K through Y for two county measures and 12 local ones.

Denton said he had good reason to skip some letters before assigning K and L to the two measures that must come first: a Contra Costa Community College bond measure and then the county library tax.

He said he avoided F for the col-

lege bonds because F is commonly used as a failing grade.

Denton said he held the letter G open for a "smart growth" measure that two county supervisors proposed and then dropped at the eleventh hour.

Denton said he didn't want to use the letter I to avoid confusion with the numeral 1. The Legislature has been known to drop a Proposition 1 on the ballot at the last minute, as occurred in 1998.

Starting with the letter K provided an unbroken succession of letters simple to remember, he asserted.

"I have no vested interest in any letter," Denton said. "My thought is no one is going to vote yes or no based on a letter."

Lively said he is skeptical why the county didn't start at the letter F. "I think they have specious arguments."

County librarian Anne Cain said she sees no advantage to the letter L. "I would have preferred the library was first on the ballot, but they told me there is a process to follow and you'll get whatever letter you get."

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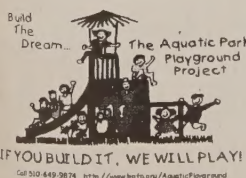


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VIEWPOINT

Critics mistaken about library measure ballot listing

By Steve Weir

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CLERK

Some who oppose the Contra Costa County library measure that will appear as Measure "L" on this November's Ballot claim that the allocation of the letter "L" constitutes bias towards the measure by the Election's Office. This group claims that the Election's Office has broken with past practices by skipping letters in the assignment of measure letters. This allegation is false.

Here are the facts; the past practice in our Election Office under Assistant County Registrar, Hugh Denton, has been to begin the year with the letter "A" for the first measure. However, as various elections are scheduled throughout the year, Mr. Denton does not assign the letter "I" because it is too easily confused with the number "1" which the State uses for its measures. (Election's Code Section 13116 permits this to avoid confusion.)

You only have to go back to November, 1998 when the state used Proposition "I" and the Legislature added Proposition "1A" as well. The State Legislature can add measures after our deadline and can assign the number "I" or "1A" for those measures. In the past six out

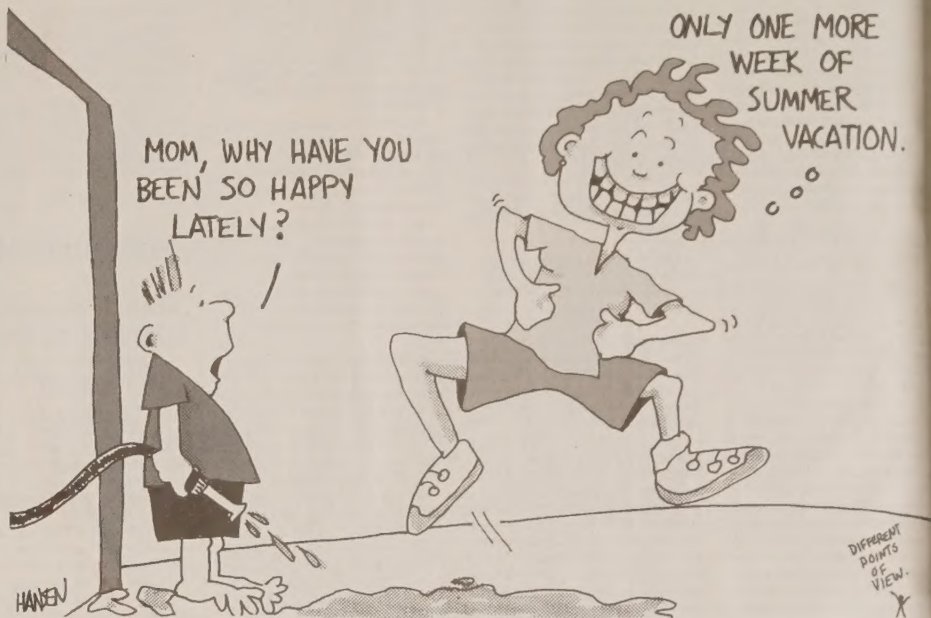
of seven election cycles, the Election's Office has chosen to skip past the letter "I" and to begin the lettering sequence thereafter.

Letters can also be skipped because the Board of Supervisors is contemplating placing a measure on the ballot that would come before all other local measures. Therefore, the Election's Office reserves the next letter or letters in anticipation of the board ordering such a measure. If the Board does not place the measure on the ballot, that letter is skipped. This very thing happened in 1998 and again in 2000.

Those claiming that the Election's Office has taken a stand in favor of a measure are not correct. It is a coincidence that the library measure received the letter "L". If I were to arbitrarily change the assignment of the letter to this measure to satisfy the demands of this small group, I would be guilty of the very thing they are falsely accusing this office of in the first place.

The Contra Costa Election's Office is committed to conducting elections in a professional and politically neutral manner. All employees pledge to act consistently with county and departmental policies on political neutrality.

THE SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN



Keep those cards and letters coming

By Larry Damon

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCILMAN

I thank Norman LaForce for his letter (Journal, Aug. 18) on the disposition of Measure "C" funds for El Cerrito. It contained good information in support of a garage at the Plaza BART station. And if in the process he cusses out a bit, well, that's just Norman. Some of us were on the council with him and began gauging how well we were doing by how mad he got. Apparently, we are still doing pretty well. I also thank George Amberg for responding with his corrections (Journal, Aug. 25). I don't want to see Mr. LaForce ignored. Unfortunately, Mr. Amberg's corrections did not address a few essential points.

Mr. LaForce contends that the present council is "defying the will of the voters" by not building a garage with the \$6 million in Measure C funds. He knows whereof he speaks. Mr. LaForce sat on the council for eight years and did the same thing. But, because he refused to build the garage then, the present council is now faced with a "use it or lose it" decision. Mr. LaForce also contends that the present council has made a decision without studying things. Not so. The council is presently studying whether a garage or a bus shuttle service would best meet current

needs. After all, Measure C passed 10 years ago. But, since no decisions have been made, how can the present council be defying anything?

While a shuttle service would reduce traffic congestion, alleviate parking and lessen cold starts, all consistent with improving El Cerrito's environment, it also asks our citizens to change some commuting habits. This goes down hard and our community seems split on the matter. Indeed, even Mr. LaForce himself is at odds with his environmentalist buddies on this one. They are all uniformly against anything that makes auto use more attractive. I'll let him explain that.

Ultimately, however, the final decision may not be the City Council's. The \$6 million in funds is controlled by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority and so far they are adamant that a garage must be built. Facing loss of funds if we don't, we will probably have to do it. By cooperating with CCTA, however, we "may" get some funding for a shuttle service in the next round. In the meantime, the council will be exploring some possible "joint-use/joint-funding" alternatives with the Plaza developers.

But, keep those cards and letters coming, Norman, we miss you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Portola starts e-mail forum

Portola's PTA is helping to improve communication between home and school.

This coming school year, the PTA will be starting a communication forum for parents, faculty and the administration via an email system.

■ On a monthly basis, you will receive the PTA newsletter, which contains information regarding upcoming school events, fundraising programs, student activities and ways our PTA monies are being spent.

■ You will receive the agenda before each PTA meeting. After each PTA meeting you will receive the approved minutes from the previous month.

■ On an as needed basis, information will be emailed to those on the e-mail forum such as special fundraiser dates, program specials, PTA meetings.

Are you interested in being on the email forum?

If your answer is yes, please email your name and email address to Joann Steck-Bayat, PTA e-mail coordinator, at jsbayat@home.com.

Also, check out Portola's web site at www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/portola/main.htm

Joann Steck-Bayat
El Cerrito

Shuttle can be more effective than parking garage

It's nice to see Norman LaForce join in on the garage vs. shuttle bus discussion — every alternative deserves a champion. He made some valid points, but they got lost in his partisan rhetoric. It's not only LaForce, all politicians talk about "single mothers getting off welfare needing access to jobs." That requires good planning, not wasteful projects, and certainly not slogan-mongering. Most surprising is LaForce's switch from environmentalism, to promoting private autos.

Some facts: The voter-approved Measure C wording provided the means to change the transportation spending plan. The promised Del Norte garage was built from other funds, unfortunately not at the best spot. Right by the freeway, after a land swap, would have been much better. Now, 12 years later, we are smarter, and it's clear that properly used shuttle buses are more cost effective than a new garage. Many Bay Area communities (like Orinda) want them. Even Los Angeles now see that providing more parking is uneconomical and self-defeating (at the North Hollywood rapid transit station). As council member, LaForce could have scaled back the earlier mixed-use garage for BART's Plaza land, rejected by local residents.

He held out for the infeasible Wilton-Teranomix plan, getting neither shopping center nor garage. The latter was the one positive result of that sad fiasco.

LaForce correctly states that AC buses often run empty. Yet "free and frequent" shuttles are known to be successful when there is a massive, ever-increasing parking shortage. Note that the private Del Norte Mayfair lot now charges \$5/day for reserved parking. Each space at the new garage (with only about 220 new slots) would cost taxpayers about \$10/day.

Substantially more BART parking can be provided, for those living further away, by having closer-in residents use a bus rather than scramble for a space. The present council wants to spend the money wisely, and asked the County Transportation Agency which collects our taxes, for proper technical analysis. It never got that.

LaForce suggests that the money, rather than "be wasted" on buses, go for a garage at the Richmond Transit Village. The plan to revitalize downtown Richmond is surely a worthy effort, but this will not relieve congestion as promised by Measure C. Our new council, unlike past ones, insists on accountability. Demagoguery no longer works in our town. But LaForce is right about the empty buses. Making sure the shuttles are used and that local residents accept them is a challenge. Congestion is primarily a technical, not a political issue.

Peter Loubal
El Cerrito
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Experience counts

If contemplating a major brain operation, would you choose a dazzling song-and-dance man (George Bush) whose performance was superbly choreographed, or would you opt for an experienced brain surgeon who had at least a working knowledge of where that organ was located?

Ann Whitehead
El Cerrito

New construction threatens older neighborhood

I am writing this letter to express my concern over the disregard that neighbors and neighborhoods are given when new construction is planned. I live at 754 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito and a new house is replacing an older building at 782 Pomona. I have reviewed the plans and feel the planned house is oversized for the neighborhood, designed without any ornament or structural elements that all of the older homes on our block have. I also understand that I have nothing to say or any recourse other than writing a letter to the City Council. I have been advised by the planning department to get used to it as all the empty lots and older/smaller homes are potentially at risk for development due to the current real estate market.

We have three empty lots in our immediate vicinity as well as an older unoccupied

home right next door. I feel that our neighborhood is very much at risk given the attitude of the city. My fear is that lack of community input will turn potential charming older neighborhoods into the overbuilt characterless monstrosities that now litter the suburban landscape.

It is unfair and arrogant of the city to shove the maximum building allowed into established neighborhoods without input by the people that it would affect the most, the neighbors. El Cerrito residents have a chance now to put a stop to this by implementing some community input into the process.

I would like the City Planning Department and the City Council to take this opportunity to make a long-term plan to keep El Cerrito a desirable and attractive community. In the long run this attitude will make El Cerrito a preferred destination.

Connie Laventurier
El Cerrito

Nature area is worthy of preservation

Thanks are due to retired Regional Parks Ranger Tim Gordon for his most worthy efforts to preserve the nature area around Jewel Lake in Tilden Park.

My sons can recall the many walks led by Ranger Tim (Berkeley's own John Muir) in the forest surrounding the lake — the many sightings of wildlife, including northern dark-eyed juncos, various insects, snakes, lizards, and even a tiny bunny under a large leaf, all of which call this place home. And Gordon's broad knowledge of the many species of plants, their possible medicinal values and value to the ecosystem.

Gordon's right. It would be a shame to cut away any part of this special jungle enjoyed by so many area residents every year. This area is like a living classroom for young children.

The rangers have done an excellent job utilizing every blade of sawgrass and every creature that dwells there to help educate our young population with an appreciation for nature that they will carry with them in all their travels throughout their lives.

Although we will sorely miss Gordon and the many walks he led at Tilden, we could all do well to follow in his footsteps and support the preservation of the Jewel Lake area as we've come to know it.

Stephanie Manning
Berkeley

Support for scouting

At an early age I was left to raise three sons alone. My only kin resided over 2,000 miles away. After my sons were grown, whenever anyone would praise me for raising three boys

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Quiet satisfaction replaces bombastic spectacle at Plaza ceremonies

Around Town

By Chris Treadway

hour drive in from Fairfield.

Edgington was a 31-year employee of the Emporium when it closed four years ago. (There were other former Emporium workers present as well, including at least one who wore her sales associate name badge.) But Edgington was disappointed as the demolition of the Emporium was not to be, apparently because of concerns over the possible presence of lead and/or asbestos, one official said.

And instead of the spectacle of major demolition work, onlookers got to see a mechanical claw tear off one corner of the building that formerly housed Mr. Michael's Restaurant. That was it.

Sitting near the empty space that once held the since-relocated Silver Screen Video where she was a regular customer and her daughter had worked, City Councilwoman Janet Abelson pointed out that demolition had actually started several weeks

ago, when the Emporium Tire Service building at the northeast end of the property was leveled.

When the claw had finished its work City Councilman Larry Damon and City Councilwoman Kathie Perka each picked up a piece of the rubble that had come down. Perka later said she was going to put her chunk "in a piece of plastic and use it as a paperweight."

Damon initially had other thoughts. He asked for and got the OK from a Regency Realty official to throw his chunk through the window of Mr. Michael's in an apparent effort to expedite the demolition work. Damon wound up and pitched ... and the chunk bounced off the intact window and rolled onto the sidewalk.

It was that kind of day.

But few were grumbling, few were mourning the ghost town that once held healthy businesses and few were truly disappointed. After years of talk, debate and frustration, something is officially happening at the Plaza, and in the end that's what they came to see.



COMING IN from Fairfield for the ceremonies was Betty Edgington, who worked at the Emporium/Capwell's for 30 years up until it closed in 1996.

CHRIS TREADWAY/STAFF

Pediatrician brought out best in kids, adults

By Kate Darby Rauch
STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — On a Monday morning in mid-July, Dr. Pierre Salgado did with a passion what he had been doing with a passion for most of his life. He went to work. He went to care for children.

Two days later, on July 19, the longtime Kensington pediatrician with offices in Richmond and Pinole died of cardiac arrest at Doctors Medical Center San Pablo.

His wife, Monique Salgado, says he was fulfilling a promise.

"He always said he would die before he retired and this is exactly what he did," she said. "His beeper went off when he was giving his last breath. He died in character."

This was months after Pierre Salgado had bought himself a silver Acura sports car for his 83rd birthday, and one year after he had become a United States citizen.

Born and raised in Haiti, Salgado was that country's first pediatrician, his wife says, credited with establishing pediatrics on the island.

The Salgados moved to the Bay Area in 1965, largely to escape Haiti's tense political climate under former President Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier. Haiti at the time was a police state. The Salgados — opposed to the Duvalier regime — felt threatened, even though Salgado treated Duvalier's children.

"He was fed up with the political situation," Monique Salgado said. "People were living in anguish."

Salgado was 48 years old when he moved to the East Bay with three small children and started a new life. He opened a medical office in Richmond and soon was seeing hundreds of patients, primarily from the Spanish-speaking community.

"My dad was an unusually determined person. He managed to do anything he set his mind on," said Isabelle Salgado, 37, one of his two daughters.

Friends and family describe Salgado as an intense thinker who craved intellectual challenges, and found relaxation in opera and gardening. But he was most at home, they say, treating little kids, setting aside his formal self and becoming a silly friend, doling out nicknames and easing fears.

"He always had time for children," said Robert Gardere, a Texas doctor who grew up in Haiti, where Salgado was his physician until he left the country at age 18. "He let me speak, he let me express what I wanted, which was great."

Gardere, a plastic surgeon, said Salgado influenced how he relates to his own pediatric patients.

PIERRE SALGADO

BORN: April 17, 1917, in Haiti.

DIED: July 19, 2000, in San Pablo.

SURVIVORS: Wife, Monique; four children, Veronique Salgado of Richmond, Jean-Pierre Salgado of Danville, and Isabelle Salgado and Nicholas Salgado, both of Berkeley; and three grandchildren.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: In lieu of flowers, the family prefers remembrances be sent to the Children's Hospital Foundation, Children's Hospital Oakland, 747 52nd St., Oakland, CA 94609.

"I picked up a lot of his ways with children," he said. "Once a child knows you are on his side, you can do anything and they aren't scared."

Salgado was devoted to his patients, working long hours, poring over medical journals on off-hours, taking calls on weekends and nights. Vacations were rare.

"His office was really his inner sanctum," his wife said. "I wish he would have known better how to gratify himself, how to do something wild, or some exploration."

Although many of his patients were immigrants, the doctor's policy was to be open-armed, never turning away a child for any reason, family members say. He always accepted Medi-Cal and often complained that old-fashioned family medicine was being gobbled up by HMOs, they say. Salgado settled in Kensington, but for all his life he felt more like a creature of the globe than any one place, family members say.

The son of well-to-do French and Portuguese immigrants to Haiti, Salgado had an education without borders. A surgeon and allergy specialist, he attended medical school in Haiti

and Montreal, completed fellowships in Argentina and Chicago, and worked at hospitals in Brazil and Chile.

He was fluent in Spanish, English, Italian and Portuguese, in addition to French and Creole.

"He always felt he was a citizen of the world," Monique Salgado said. "He did not have a sense of separation. He felt Argentinean in Argentina, French in France and Portuguese in Portugal."

One of his greatest pleasures was gluing himself to a short-wave radio at night to listen to news from around the world. A history buff with a knack for trivia, Salgado also got a kick out of watching quiz and game shows — such as "Jeopardy" and "So You Want to Be a Millionaire" — testing his bank of knowledge against the contestants.

The pediatrician loved fine things: art, music, gourmet cuisine, his spacious home surrounded by gardens. But at his core none of this was important to him compared to medicine, his family and his desire to learn, says Nicholas Salgado, 29, one of his two sons.

"My father was a very simple man," he said. "Material things didn't matter, they were almost insignificant to him."

During his time in the States, Salgado kept his politics mostly to himself. He never fully explained to family members why he decided to become a U.S. citizen, but they think it may have been some sort of recognition that America indeed had become his home.

Salgado was a strict parent with high standards for his four children in academics, manners and morality, but he was also known to melt.

"He often had the appearance of being all business, but had a softer side," Nicholas Salgado said.

His peers knew him in a slightly different light.

"He always talked with a smile and a hidden laugh," said Joe Mariotti, a Pinole doctor who was in a home wine-making group with Salgado. "He brought out the good in people."

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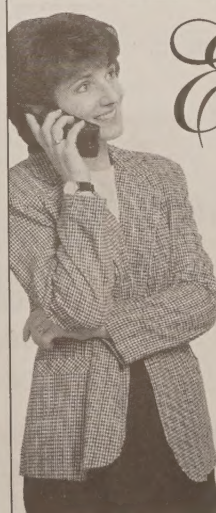
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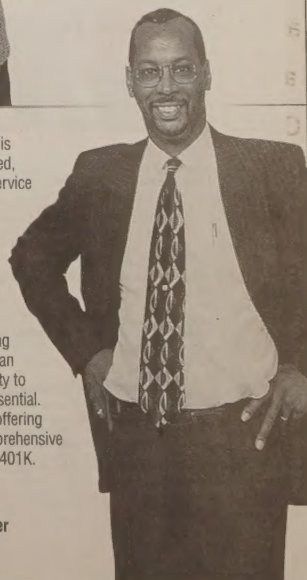
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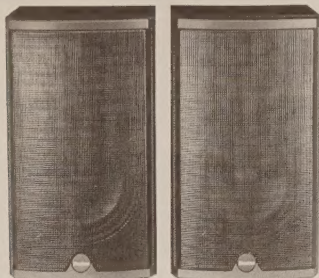
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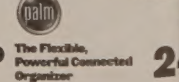
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Berkeley 1900

By Richard Schwartz

It is funny how often the choices of medical practitioners of Berkeley in 1900 look amazingly similar to today's. There were surgeons, homeopaths, acupuncturists, Indian medicine men and healers, all advertising in the Berkeley Daily Gazette. Medicine shows came through town and had a welcoming audience. Celery soda water was claimed to cure a headache, nausea and nervousness. Buckeye vapors were used to clear the mind and body. People had a big interest in drinking pure water, and distilled water proved to have a big market here in 1900 just as it has had one in current decades. Berkeley even boasted its own distilled water plant in the Pure Water Company. But don't think 1900 was all fun and games. Diphtheria, cholera and bubonic plague were all local words to Berkeley and loved ones could be swept away by diseases that we don't think about anymore. It was a time of great progress, great scams and great hopes for science making our lives more healthful. Indoor plumbing and city sewers helped greatly to that end as well.

Richard Schwartz's new book, "Berkeley 1900, Daily Life at the Turn of the Century," a snapshot of daily life 100 years ago as described in the pages of the Berkeley Daily Gazette, is available at Berkeley bookstores.

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The company has had consigned here no less than 1200 packages of their specials and carry away only two hundred.

Immense crowds have witnessed their farical attempts and have purchased the drugs with pleasure.

The company has a \$100 per week show and takes in an average of \$40 per night. The little seal has grown and Berkeley people wonder why the local druggist don't have larger stores, and it is no wonder when from \$1000 to \$1500 worth of "cure-alls" are vend at the loss of local dealers.

"With a merry good quaff to the health of Berkeley the artists leave the community wiser and poorer."

Diphtheria Appears.

John J. Haberlin Down With the Disease at 1819 Addison Street.

John J. Haberlin is ill with diphtheria at his home 1819 Addison street. His residence has been quarantined by Health Officer Rowell.

It is believed that Haberlin contracted the disease while working at his occupation of ship calker. It is possible that the deadly germs may have been contracted while Haberlin was at work in the hold of some vessel.

Haberlin, who is thirty years of age, has every chance to recover.

In discussing the case Health Officer Rowell said this morning; "There is no danger of the disease becoming epidemic. What with an abundance of water for sewer flushing purposes, the town is in a sanitary condition. There is no doubt in my mind but what the germs were contracted outside of this city."

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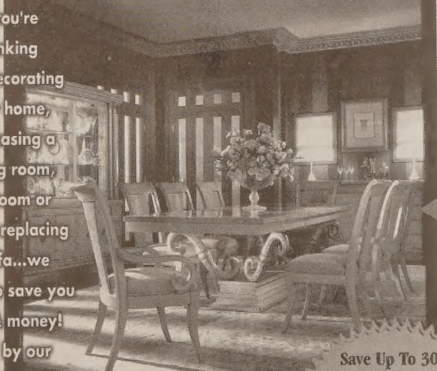
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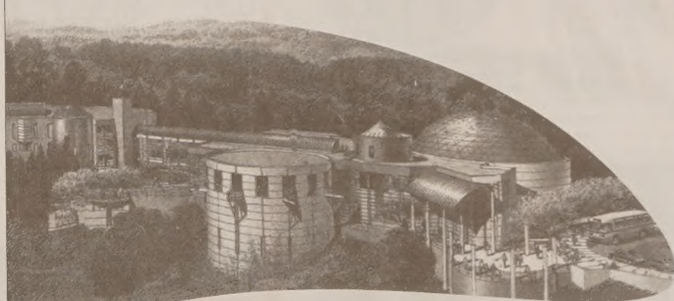
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and will be well supervised. "That will keep them not quiet, quiet because we cannot close their mouths, but they will at least be engaged doing something in groups."

Councilwoman Janet Abelson said the complaint procedure approved by the council should protect the neighbors' interests.

"There are really two complaint processes going on, one would be an on-going one and then one would be during the first year," Abelson said.

"During the first year, it only takes one person to bring up the matter, so that really means any complaint at all during the first year and this matter would be considered by the Planning Commission," she said.

"Any neighbor at all who has a problem can use that procedure during the first year and I think that actually provides a great deal of protection to the neighbors."

Last June, after the first public hearing on the appeal, the City Council indicated it would uphold the Planning Commission's decision.

In a subsequent July vote, however, Councilwoman Gina Brusatori raised

questions about the school's planned enrollment numbers and suggested a broader community discussion about the city ordinance that regulates how and where such facilities are located in El Cerrito.

That vote resulted in last week's public hearing and subsequent council decision.

Mayor Mark Friedman, and council members Abelson and Brusatori voted to uphold the Planning Commission's decision and approve the school's use permit.

Council members Larry Damon and Kathleen Perka abstained on last week's vote saying that broader policy issues concerning child care facilities in El Cerrito need to be addressed.

"As more and more of these centers come to be necessary, we have to look closer and closer at the intensification issue," Damon said. "We can't have it so that one neighborhood has 10 while a neighborhood a mile away has none. It has to fall uniformly on the community."



NEIL VAN DER PLAS

THE LOCAL COASTLINE is the focus of clean-up efforts on Sept. 16.

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ing students about marine wildlife, is one of the coordinators for this year's event.

"We're also working with local creek groups to try and get as much participation as we can," said Berthelsen. One such group is the Friends of Five Creeks, which is leading a shoreline clean-up walk from in conjunction with the cities' efforts.

The Friends' efforts will include a clean-up brigade on Albany Blvd., which has suffered from the presence of Styrofoam objects along its rocky edges even though it is not yet open to the general public.

"In addition to our clean-up we will be talking about the history of the waterfront and the restoration possibilities of the Codornices Strawberry, and School House Creeks," said Susan Schwartz, a member off FFC.

The clean-up effort is much more than aesthetic in nature. Animals and aquatic life along the Bay can mistakenly eat plastic or become entangled in fishing line. And concerns don't just originate at Bayside. Much of the accumulated garbage washes down to the shore washes down from inland storm drains.

Berkeley has designated the space behind the Sea Breeze Market and

Deli on the corner of West Frontage Road and University Avenue and the new playground at the end of Bolivar Drive at Aquatic Park as the staging areas for the clean-up. Drinks, bags, gloves and tools will be provided.

According to the CCC, which is responsible for carrying out California's coastal management program, including to plan for and regulate development of the California Coastal Act which was formed in 1976.

Starting in 1985, Clean-up Day has become one of the most productive ways to get the community to become involved with coastal pollution issues.

The CCC estimated nearly 52,000 Californians picked up over 1.5 million pieces of debris that weighed over 300 tons of trash in its 1998 campaign.

Part of the coastal day will include the "Adopt-A-Beach" program, when a group, either formed from a company's employees, members of the community, or students commit to cleaning a section of the beach at least three times a year.

For more details call 510-644-8623 or check the website at www.coastal.ca.gov.

to learn about the real issues affecting working families and seniors — that's why I am proud to vote for Democrats on Nov. 7. I know the Democratic Party will actually discuss issues that are most pressing in our community — and not make us suffer through another negative ad.

Madi Bacon
Berkeley

Threatening land use decisions

Wednesday, Sept. 13, marks the 101st anniversary of the first automobile fatality in North America. Since then four times as many U.S. residents have been killed in motor vehicle accidents as were slain in all our nation's wars since the 1776 Revolution.

Are we so insensitive to violence that we'll accept it to such an extreme degree in order to have independent mobility? Among the rights we all enjoy in the United States is (or should be) the right to equal access to all public accommodations without having to rely on modes of transportation so dangerous that they require seat belts, air bags or crash helmets. Land use decisions (consistently ignoring public transit and other alternatives to the auto as necessary infrastructure) leave increasing numbers of us faced with a choice of driving illegally or being disenfranchised.

All planning codes should prohibit any development that is not at least as accessible and functional for non-motorists as it is for those who drive. We

have a serious civil rights issue here: Development that accommodates motorists only violates the equal protection provisions of our Constitution.

What kind of fools would build the biggest public works project in human history — our interstate highway system — for national defense, and then force themselves into dependence on a mode of transportation that's deadlier than war? Our land use decisions are a greater threat to or well-being than any allegedly hostile elements outside our borders.

Art Weber
Transportation Chair
Berkeley Gray Panthers

A misleading ad

I recently saw on TV a political ad for Proposition 38. In it, some of Gov. Gray Davis' words were used out of context, suggesting his endorsement of Prop. 38. That is quite misleading and reflects on the backers of this proposition.

Am I being asked to vote to increase educational options for our children that would lead them, like the sponsors of the ad, to validate such distortion?

I'm sorry; I don't think so.

William Noel
Berkeley

Another side of hospital strike story

As has been recently covered in

news stories, there was a one-day strike on July 6 and a two-day strike on Aug. 2 and 3 by the Service Employees International Union, Local 250, involving Alta Bates Medical Center and many other Bay Area hospitals.

There is another side of the Local 250 story found among many of the Alta Bates Medical Center employees, as noted during the strikes. When and if there is another strike, in the name of providing improved patient care and improved employee benefits, we hope a more balanced view of all nonrepresented employees will be presented.

A number of nonrepresented employees don't want to become members of Local 250. As a result of this, Hospital Employees Against Representation by Local 250 (HEAR) has been organized as an independent grass-roots effort to prevent assimilation into the union.

We feel there is no advantage to be Local 250 members, nor is it an advantage to the care and well-being of our patients. During the strikes, no effort was made by the media to find out if there are opposing views to the Local 250 message.

We agree with Local 250 that it is important to put patients first; however, we don't feel a strike is the way to send that message to our patients, patient families, and our fellow employees!

Cheryl Byers
Berkeley

This letter was signed by Byers, a representative of HEAR, and 75 others.

Marilyn Stanley
El Cerrito

Accentuating the negative

For the last few weeks I haven't heard a single positive ad from the Republican Party. Every time I turn on the radio, open the newspaper or watch television, there seems to be another attack ad from the GOP.

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Julia Morgan's godchild talks about her memories

by Erika Mailman
Julia Morgan, architect, but she's already turned down probably 20 people, and don't get your feelings hurt if she isn't interested in you," says McMurray.

Luckily, Forney appropriately conducted herself appropriately in the interview. "They said 'Miss Morgan called and she wants you,'" says McMurray.

When asked what appealed to Morgan about her mother, McMurray said "Probably my mother's straightforwardness, honesty and ability to handle money and paperwork."

According to McMurray, Morgan once told her mother "I'm glad it was you who came to us." These were words to relish, because, as McMurray says, "She didn't give a lot of praise. If you didn't get fired, you were doing good work."

But it also seems like you could be doing well, and still get canned: "She would fire people if they asked for a raise, or if they grew a beard or had too many erasures on their projects," adds McMurray.

"At the very end, (Morgan) was getting very shaky," says McMurray. A nephew wanted to move Morgan out of her home in Pacific Heights on Divisadero. According to McMurray, Morgan didn't recognize her own kin, but "My mother came in, and (Morgan) said 'I'd know this lady anywhere.'"

Forney didn't allow Morgan to be moved, saying "This is her home." "Mom was holding her hand when she passed away... the nurse called up and said 'It's time' and mother came over. That was a kind of close relationship. They really loved each other," says McMurray.

McMurray's father

McMurray's father Herman Charles Forney was a valuation engineer for William Randolph Hearst, and worked at Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

McMurray has a letter from her father to his mother, describing sitting at the refectory table with one other person, with a bag lunch and bottle of beer, waiting for Hearst to arrive "at this humungous table in the castle, just sitting there all by themselves."

Later, her father had dinner with Hearst, Marion Davies "and the dogs."

The pools at Hearst Castle make many jealous tourists disdain the municipal rectangle pools or their own run-of-the-mill kidney-shaped ones. Sensuously designed by Morgan, the indoor pool features special "rooms" one can swim into for privacy, and the outdoor pool is guarded by statues of Grecian goddesses and angels. McMurray actually has a replica of one of the angel baby statues from the Neptune Pool, given to her when she was 3-years-old.

"My father was getting pointers on his dives in the indoor pool from Jim Rankin, who was a plumbing contractor," she says.

And according to McMurray, children in the area were allowed to come up and use the outdoor pool at San Simeon.

At one time in San Simeon, Hearst had a collection of exotic animals. McMurray tells two stories about Morgan's concern for the beasts. One of them is that a gorilla seemed very ill and Morgan and Hearst figured out that he was cold: she provided a heater and a blanket and he got better. The other story is that giraffes, housed in Morgan's specially designed 2-story Tudor giraffe house, were dying. Morgan and her staff determined that they were licking salt off the rocks in their enclosure, and removed them.

When Morgan was older, "My father and mother walked out with her when she closed the office, and my father said to her 'Do you want to close the door?' and she said 'No' and kept on walking... You had to figure, she was already in her 70s and she just decided that that was the time," says McMurray.

When she closed the office, McMurray was 7. "From 7 to 14, I would go to her home in Pacific Heights and visit."

Anecdotes about Miss Morgan

One amusing story McMurray tells is about how Morgan was once suspected to be a prostitute.

She had been working in the evening on the Berkeley Women's City Club (now the Berkeley City Club), and tried to get a room at what is now the Shattuck Hotel. "It was late at night and she didn't have a suitcase so they turned her away — she had to have a suitcase. And she was so modest, and with so much pride, that she wouldn't call her sister or my mother who lived in Berkeley. She toddled all the way down to the ferry and took it back to San Francisco."

The hotel had apparently assumed she was a lady of the night, mother to take the carpet and stick the part that's cut under a couch, nobody'll notice. Well, it lasted 40 some years on my mother's floor. I eventually made her turn it over; the color was gone."

The carpet's adventures were intended to end at a certain point: "Mother swore she'd be cremated in it at the Chapel of the Chimes. I forgot to put her in it when she died, so I still have the carpet," McMurray chuckles.

Her parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents are interred at Chapel of the Chimes, and McMurray will eventually go there, too. "No question about it. (But) not in the same sugar bowl," she jokes, referring to the urns.

Morgan built for people

"One thing that I always heard about her was that she built from the inside out. That it didn't matter so much what the outside of the building looked like as much as was the family going to be happy, did they like where the rooms were, were there enough rooms to house the children, where did they want the sunlight coming in, where did they want their garden. This was what was important to her," says McMurray.

She adds that Morgan frequently designed windows to open inwards, "which I heard was wonderful for washing, and terrible for trying to put curtains."

Interestingly, sometimes "She put windows in closets, which was really original, and if people really wanted to look at the houses on the side, they could directly look into the houses through the closet window if they had nothing better to do."

Morgan also built "secret quar-

"Miss Morgan did not build big kitchens; she built them for the maids. She lived on coffee and candy bars so she didn't really care that much about the size of the kitchen."

Lynn Forney McMurray, goddaughter of Julia Morgan

ters for people to stuff their children... and to stuff their valuables, their furs and their silver." McMurray believes the 1932 Lindbergh baby kidnapping influenced Morgan to add the secret rooms.

Morgan took even the small details very seriously. When creating chairs for the Berkeley City Club, "she had people that sat in each chair to make sure they were okay — small, medium and big women — so she was sure the chairs were great," says McMurray.

And when she built a new home for her aging mother in Berkeley, she designed the bedroom exactly as in the bedroom in the Oakland house, so she would feel at home.

On the other hand, "Miss Morgan did not build big kitchens; she built them for the maids. She lived on coffee and candy bars so she didn't re-

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Welcome receptions for new principals

Two receptions are being held to welcome new principals Sept. 7. Castro families and other community members will have an opportunity to meet Castro Elementary School's new principal, Barney Green, at the school's Back to School ice cream social 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Everyone is invited. The event will be held in the multipurpose room of the school; enter on Lawrence Street, between Gladys and Donal.

New Harding Elementary School principal Barbara Taylor will be welcomed at a reception from 6:45 to 7 p.m. in Room 1 at the school at Fairmount and Ashbury avenues.

Portola PTA helping improve communication between home and school

This coming school year, the PTA will be starting a communication forum for parents, faculty and the administration via an email system.

■ On a monthly basis, you will receive the PTA newsletter, which contains information regarding upcoming school events, fundraising programs, student activities and ways our PTA monies are being spent.

■ You will receive the agenda before each PTA meeting. After each PTA meeting you will receive the approved minutes from the previous month.

■ On an as needed basis, information will be emailed to those on the email forum such as special fundraiser dates, program specials, PTA meetings.

Are you interested in being on the email forum?

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

If your answer is yes, please email your name and email address to Joann Steck-Bayat, PTA Email Coordinator, at jsbayat@home.com

Also, check out Portola's web site at www.wccusd.k12.ca.us/portola/main.htm

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Peters-Garcione

Naomi E. Peters, daughter of Jon and Nobuko (Mukai) Vicars and James L. Peters will marry Ryan G. Carcione on Saturday Sept. 2. Naomi graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1992. She then attended UC Berkeley where she graduated in 1996 with a major in Political Science.

Naomi currently works at a wireless startup in San Francisco. Ryan G. Carcione, son of Augustino and Diane Carcione, was born and raised in San Jose. He graduated UC Berkeley with a BA in Psychology and was a Letterman in Track and Field. Ryan works at a Software startup in San Francisco.

The couple met while studying at Berkeley. The ceremony will be held at Old St. Hilary's Church and followed by a reception at the Corinthian Yacht Club, all in Tiburon.

Morgan

that much about the size

Victorian female

was definitely a woman in a way," says McMurray. Morgan was the first woman ever enrolled in the architecture program at UC Berkeley. She was pursuing an active career in architecture when she was pursuing a Ph.D. in architecture. She was not affected by the war, but she was a "correct" woman of her age.

was a very proper, modest woman," says McMurray. Morgan tells of Morgan's visit to the Carmel, where she discovered sunbathing nude women. "She was so horrified by her heels and walked away back to Asilomar. I guess she thought it was proper," says McMurray.

during her lifetime was her own worth. "Miss Morgan said to me it was a great thing to be a woman," and apparently according to Morgan was a woman who was attributing to her.

asked how Morgan would be the film that now plays on television, incorrectly identifying her as Hearst's secretary, McMurray laughs. "She'd probably roll over at Mountain View Cemetery if she knew."

McMurray says she never saw Morgan in any kind of romantic relationship, and that solitariness has of course fueled rumors that Morgan was perhaps a closet lesbian. McMurray denies that identification: "She wasn't anything. She was asexual. She wasn't heterosexual; she wasn't homosexual."

One thing about Morgan that I hadn't heard before was a fact McMurray would certainly know: she had a lisp!

McMurray's book

Right now the most well-regarded source on Morgan's work is Sara Boutelle's book "Julia Morgan, Architect." And while McMurray admires the book, she is aware of several errors in it.

"It's a beautiful book, but it's not extremely accurate in the job list and some of the stories aren't accurate," says McMurray. The publisher, Abbeville Press, hired her when they ran a second edition of the book, to correct 100 different errors.

One error is the overestimation of Morgan's prolificacy: it is commonly held that Morgan created 600-700 buildings, but McMurray believes the number is closer to 500-600.

"People thought her jobs started with #1, and I think her jobs started

with #101, which is very common in filing systems; they don't start with zero. There are a lot of mistakes in a lot of the books, because they didn't realize her billing addresses were what went on her office records, and not necessarily the house that was getting built, so it'll take me forever to get that corrected," says McMurray.

But now McMurray is prepared to do far more than correcting the errors of others: she has retired from teaching at the tender age of 57, and intends to write her own book about Morgan.

Through her research, McMurray has often had the joyful task of knocking on doors and telling people their home was designed by Morgan. "One house on El Cerrito in Piedmont, they knew their friends had a Julia Morgan on Seaview and they saw similarities on theirs, but they didn't know theirs was a Julia Morgan until I arrived with the plans, and they were very excited."

McMurray says she sometimes feels a "jolt" that helps her find buildings: "Sometimes you feel like (Morgan's) right there with you."

She occasionally leads tours of Morgan homes and says thoughtfully

"You'd love to show the people the houses, but after a while you feel like you're intruding... I've tried to be so careful with people and sometimes you infringe on even asking, and that bothers me. Because they're private homes and yes, you'd like people to see them, but even to see the outside of the buildings is beautiful for people."

Morgan would likely be pleased that McMurray is the custodian of her remaining drawings. Her godchild has taken up the work of cataloging her work and making sure everything is correct, as the attention-to-detail Morgan would have wished.

"Everything about her and her work I have a genuine respect for. She was businesslike but she was warm. She was what I would call a workaholic."

McMurray concludes "Probably the best description I would have would be a very kind, warm, busy lady."

McMurray is available for speaking, and leads private or group tours of Julia Morgan buildings. She can be reached at istone4941@aol.com.

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Median home price rose 10.3% in July; sales down 15%

Sales of existing homes in California in July decreased 14.9 percent and the median home price rose 10.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago, the California Association of Realtors and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service, recently reported.

"While there are plenty of buyers out looking, the number of homes for sale remains low, and this is continuing to drive prices higher," said C.A.R. President Richard F. Gaylord.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 474,270 in July at a seasonally-adjusted annualized rate, according to

information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide.

Statewide home resale activity was down 14.9 percent from the 557,420 sales pace recorded in July 1999. Resale activity posted a decrease of 15.7 percent in July 2000 compared to June 2000.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2000 would be if sales maintained the July pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

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Housing affordability down again

Housing affordability in California fell to 30 percent in June, down 6 percentage points from June 1999, according to the California Association of Realtors. Nationwide, affordability was 52 percent in June, down from 54 percent a year ago.

C.A.R.'s monthly housing affordability index measures the percentage of households that can afford to purchase a median-priced home in California. C.A.R. also reports housing affordability indexes for regions within the state.

The index is the most fundamental measure of housing well-being in the state. At 9 percent, San Francisco was the least affordable county in the state, followed by Contra Costa with 12 percent and San Mateo with 13 percent. In Southern California, San Diego County was the least affordable at 23 percent, followed by Orange and Ventura counties at 25 percent. In Los Angeles County, affordability was 39 percent.

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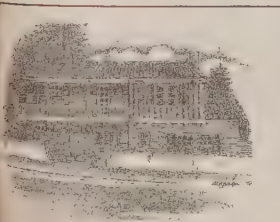


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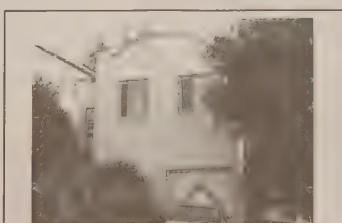
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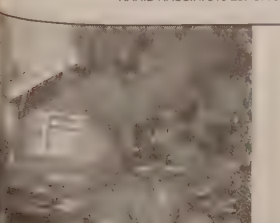
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dential styles from the Victorian era to 1950s and 1960s Modern.



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The fee for the Sept. 16 workshop is \$65, \$100 for two persons from the same household, and includes lunch and materials. Seating is limited. Reserve by Sept. 8 by mailing a check payable to the Building Conservancy of Northern California P.O. Box 5262 Berkeley, CA 94705.

The Building Conservancy of Northern California, a California non-profit, was organized to facilitate and promote the recognition, preservation, restoration, rehabilitation and reuse of historic and/or historically important buildings in Northern California.

For more information about the conservancy, call Monica Rohrer at 510-525-7805. To learn more about the workshop, call Jeff Eichenfield at 510-558-7130.



THIS INVITING LIVING ROOM is just part of Julie Hardgrove and Cliff Cline's stunning rehab on the Oakland home. Hardgrove and Cline will speak at the upcoming conservancy workshop.

You can never have too much storage space

By Nick Harder

THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

To that old adage, "You can never be too rich or too thin," my wife adds the following: "You can never have enough storage space." Based on all the stuff we've collected over the years, she speaks the truth.

While I certainly haven't been able to do much lately about the "thin" part of that adage, I've definitely found ways to add more storage space. So can you. Maybe not exactly the way we did it—though some ways may be possible—but a few of the things we did may spur your own ideas.

For instance, let's say you want additional closet space in your master bedroom. When I looked at the first set of blueprints for our master bedroom, I added closet space along one wall.

When we were in the framing stage, our site superintendent asked if we didn't want to do the same along another wall in that room.

Trouble was, that was the side where the head of the bed would be and we wanted bookcases on each side of the bed against that wall. The answer? We had bookcases built which act as doors to the his and hers closets in back. The oak bookcases are attached to a solid door that is hung by piano hinges. (These are about 60-inch hinges instead of the usual 3- or 4-inch hinges.)

These are closets that act more for storage of occasionally used items such as luggage and seasonal wear and my wife's costumes. (Doesn't everyone have a costume closet?)

To play fair, my side of the closet doesn't have costumes, just sets of clothes that have different waistlines. Ah, I love getting older.

Now, you don't have to have bookcase doors put on a closet you build, but the basic idea for adding a closet is the same. A clothes closet should have a depth of at least 22 inches, though most have 26 inches. (Be sure to check with your building department to find whether there's a required size.)

Figure the width of a coat hanger, then add a couple of

rooms that is perfect for a kid's toys or for crawling in and playing.

All we did was to have the front of each area framed much like a big cabinet with two 4-foot-high doors attached to simple, 2-by-4 face frames in each of the four areas (two areas to a room).

In my garage, I had a little open space between the entrance to the garage from the house and the

every job around the house as quickly as you should.)

A few words of caution before you leap into a storage project.

First, check with your building department to find out whether you need a permit for the type of construction you're planning. This is especially important for your own safety—if you may be dealing with electrical changes.

Second, if you plan to go into a wall, make sure you know what you're doing and know what's behind it. You don't want to break into an existing electrical line or plumbing line that might be hidden behind drywall or plaster.

Granted, not everyone has enough room in a bedroom, a room that slants that can make a kid's storage area, or a garage in which they can make a partial wall for storage. But there are probably a lot of areas around your own home—or a home you may be considering—that will afford some type of extra storage.

That's why it's important in touring homes—whether it's a new model home or an existing home—that you look at spaces that may be used for storage. It might mean the difference between buying a home or just being a looker.

Need more storage space in your bathroom? How about cutting out the drywall in between some of the studs on a wall? (Just make sure you're not cutting into any electrical or plumbing.)

Think of those areas as potentially large medicine cabinets. After all, that's all your medicine cabinet probably is; just something inset between two studs.

With a little creativity, you might actually utilize every possible storage nook in your home.

Always check with your city's building department to find out whether you need a permit for the type of construction you're planning. This is especially important for your own safety.

inches on each side for bulky things.

Remember, too, that the measurement you take is for the inside space. You'll probably have a few inches more of depth because you'll have to create a front wall in which to frame closet doors.

Of course, not every closet has to be exclusively for clothes. Why not one for storing sweaters, shoes and small boxes of all kinds? That kind of closet doesn't necessarily have to be a certain depth, at least, not as deep as a clothes closet. You can build one to suit your needs.

For example, when we had our house built, my wife and I didn't have children but planned for them. In two of the bedrooms upstairs, we found a way to add more storage space.

Where our roof slopes down toward the front of the house, we found about 40 square feet of low-ceiling storage space in each of the

garage floor. On a visit years ago, my father looked at that space and said: "Why don't you put up a partial wall and hang stuff on it?"

So, I did. I constructed the wall basically the same way all walls are fashioned, out of that old reliable, the 2-by-4. I attached a 4-foot length to the beam on the ceiling above, another 4-footer to the floor (with concrete nails), then two 8-footers to the top and bottom 2-by-4s. And, just like a conventional wall, I used 2-by-4s as vertical studs every 12 inches. In between I used 2-by-4s as lateral braces.

Because the stuff I wanted to store on the wall was small, I used a 4-by-8-foot pegboard to cover both sides.

On one side, I hang mops and brooms, dustpans and a couple of long, outdoor electrical cords. On the other, I hang dozens of small items I've purchased and just haven't used yet. (See, you're not the only one who doesn't get to

FROM PAGE B1

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during July 2000 was \$243,240, a 10.3 percent increase over the \$220,530 median for July 1999, C.A.R. reported.

The July 2000 median price decreased 0.3 percent compared to June 2000. C.A.R., in conjunction with Real Estate Solution's MetroScan software and information product, reported that 90 percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for July 2000:

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in July 2000 was 3.9 months, compared to 3.5 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 8.15 percent during July 2000, up from 7.63 percent in July 1999, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 7.28 percent in July 2000, up from 5.99 percent in July 1999.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 30 days in July 2000, down from 37 days for the same period a year ago.

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Real Estate Solution's MetroScan service, 316 of 351 California communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago. Large changes in local

median home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation and, often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity.

Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated due to compositional changes in housing demand. Among the highlights of July localized data collected by C.A.R. and Transamerica Intelligence:

The top 10

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest median home prices in California during July 2000 were:

- Los Altos Hills, \$3,200,000
- Hillsborough, \$2,000,000
- Monte Sereno, \$1,402,500
- Los Altos, \$1,400,000
- Woodside, \$1,250,000
- Belvedere/Tiburon, \$1,224,000
- Saratoga, \$1,084,000
- Los Gatos, \$829,000
- Palo Alto, \$816,000
- San Marino, \$760,000

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the greatest median home price increases in July 2000 compared to the same period a year ago were:

- Los Altos Hills
- Los Altos
- Rancho Mirage
- Laguna Hills
- Benicia
- Fillmore
- Palm Springs
- Half Moon Bay
- Hillsborough and
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Requiem for a museum

I am often asked where the best art museums are in the Bay Area. Sadly, to be honest I have to tell them "There aren't any." Anyone who has visited museums in New York City, Washington, D.C., Chicago, knows that these cities can rightfully be proud of their collections of fine and applied arts.

By some historic accident, the wealthy classes of the Bay Area chose not to collect great paintings or sculptures during the later 19th and early 20th centuries, when many of their counterparts in other large American cities were doing so. So, there is not a single world class Impressionist or Post Impressionist painting in the permanent collections of any Bay Area museum.

The Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco, designed by the renowned Swiss-Italian architect Mario Botta in the early 1990s, is a truly wonderful example of Post Modern architecture.

And the recently restored Museum of the Legion of Honor is a fine example of Beaux Arts neoclassic architecture from the early 1920s.

The De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park is San Francisco's oldest art museum. The collection dates back to 1893, when the publisher of the San Francisco Chronicle, Charles De Young, decided to hold an international exposition in Golden Gate Park. He was inspired by the success of the great World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which had drawn a phenomenal 28 million visitors before it closed on October 31, 1893.

The nucleus of the De Young Museum's collection was created from the exhibits of several of the departments at the Columbian Exposition, which Mr. De Young had convinced the authorities in Chicago to donate to his new museum. Thus, the African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and Native American collections on display here are among the finest in the Western United States.

The current building that houses the museum was designed in 1916 by the eccentric architect Louis Christian Mullgardt. It was patterned after Mullgardt's design for the Court of the Ages building at the 1915 Panama

Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. The style of the present De Young building is Spanish Colonial Revival, a fitting choice for a building that was meant to honor the rich Hispanic heritage of Early California.

In the 1970s, the De Young was stripped of its ornate Spanish Baroque Churrigueresque decorations as part of a supposed "earthquake safety" measure. Nevertheless, this venerable old building has stood as the symbol of the fine arts in San Francisco for nearly 85 years, and has been a familiar beacon for all those seeking such treasures when they enter Golden Gate Park. But it will only remain so until the end of this year, unfortunately.

A few years ago, the directors of the San Francisco Fine Arts Museums decided they were dissatisfied with the present De Young Museum building, and needed to replace it with a brand new facility. The story of how this demolition project was forced onto an unwilling public, the aesthetic nightmare chosen to replace the old museum building, and



By Mark A. Wilson

the self-serving rationale given by the museum directors for why this is at all necessary, provide a tragic lesson in why it is so important to fight for the preservation of our existing architectural heritage.

The board of directors of the De Young Museum first took their proposal to the voters of San Francisco, in the form of a ballot measure for public funding to begin demolition and replacement of the old building. The electorate voted down the funding initiatives for this project — twice!

The directors changed tactics and decided to proceed with their pet project through mostly private funding.

They hired the conservative Swiss architectural firm of Herzog and De Meuron to design a 1960's type High Modern building. Their concept was roundly criticized by architects, environmentalists, and thousands of citizens via petition. There were several major problems with the new design.

First, it was built of inorganic materials, such as concrete walls and metal shed roofs. Second, it was much too large a structure for its site, looming over the concourse like a beached battleship.

Third, the sterile and brutalist style of the building clashed with the historic structures surrounding it, such as the Japanese Tea Garden and the Bandshell. Fourth, it had an awkward, trapezoid-shaped 160-foot tower at one end, which stuck up like a sore thumb above the greenery of the park.

At a public meeting held up by the museum's directors last year, they said that they would welcome public reaction. Just the opposite happened, according to Joe Fusco, spokesperson for a group called People for a New De Young, which opposes the Herzog and De Meuron building. The meeting was dominated by museum employees, many of whom had told Fusco's group beforehand that they hated the new building but couldn't openly oppose it for fear of losing their jobs.

Comments by opponents of the new design were curtailed or dismissed so arbitrarily that many left in disgust before an informal survey was taken. The results of this very skewed survey, according to Fusco, were 95 percent opposed to the design. 35 percent

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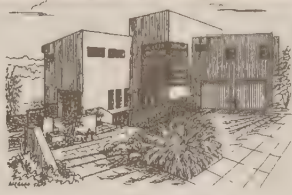


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'Don't Borrow Trouble,' Freddie Mac advises

■ Oakland part of nationwide campaign

Freddie Mac is teaming up with city and community leaders to launch a nationwide campaign to educate borrowers about the dangers of predatory lending and set up a network of community-based organizations that can help them understand and resolve specific lending problems.

In Boston, the "Don't Borrow Trouble" campaign will use a combination of ads, billboards, radio spots, and public service announcements in English and Spanish to educate borrowers about predatory lending practices and encourage them to call an 800 number for help. The "Don't Borrow Trouble" campaign was created by Mayor Thomas M. Menino of the Massachusetts Community Development Council.

The 12 cities where Freddie Mac

is launching the anti-predatory lending campaign include Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Oakland, Raleigh-Durham (and Eastern North Carolina), Washington, DC, Cleveland, Buffalo, Syracuse, and Las Vegas.

"Predatory lending represents a frontal assault on homeowners all across America. Freddie Mac's 'Don't Borrow Trouble' campaign is a move to show lenders that it is not going to support this practice by purchasing these mortgages," said Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-Md), the ranking minority member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

"Through consumer education, Freddie Mac is providing borrowers with a renewed sense of hope and opportunity for the American dream of homeownership."

Freddie Mac will provide seed funding and technical assistance over the next year to help the selected communities launch the local "Don't Borrow Trouble" campaigns.

Additional on-site training will be provided by the Boston-based Na-

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tional Consumer Law Center, which provided training for Boston's campaign.

The local "Don't Borrow Trouble" campaigns will be carried out by local government agencies in cooperation with a wide range of local partners, including non-profit housing providers, credit counseling agencies, fair housing associations, industry groups and responsible lenders.

"Freddie Mac is committed to being an industry leader in the fight against predatory lending practices. That is why we are working with lo-

cal leaders and community groups across the nation to educate potential borrowers about predatory lending practices that are trapping too many families in loans they cannot afford and stripping away their hard-earned home equity," said Dwight Robinson, Freddie Mac's senior vice president of corporate relations.

"Don't Borrow Trouble" is a proven and valuable tool in the fight against predatory lending."

"Don't Borrow Trouble" is the best new idea I've seen in the fight against abusive lending practices. By bringing America's families this

practical and effective way to spot and avoid those 'too good to be true' deals, predatory lenders will find it harder to trick new customers into keeping them in business," said Mayor Marc H. Morial, New Orleans, La., and vice president, United States Conference of Mayors.

Making the "Don't Borrow Trouble" campaign available in cities across the country is the latest in a series of actions by Freddie Mac to help protect borrowers from predatory-lending practices.

These steps include a ban on the purchase of mortgages with single-premium credit insurance policies and requiring subprime lenders to accurately and fully report borrower credit files to credit repositories, as well as the introduction of innovative loan products for borrowers with credit issues.

"I am very pleased that Freddie

Mac will help other mayors implement Boston's 'Don't Borrow Trouble' campaign," said Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

"As Mayor, I want to protect Boston's homeowners from those predators who would rob them of the equity and security of their homes."

"This awareness campaign, along with Freddie Mac's other efforts, will help mayors across the country to prevent the foreclosures and abandonment that follow these predators."

"Predatory lenders continue to aggressively market mortgages to vulnerable homeowners on exorbitant terms," added Garv Klein, a senior attorney at the National Consumer Law Center, which will provide local training.

"We are pleased to join with Freddie Mac to educate community leaders on the dangers of predatory lending," he said.

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Do I need an agent to buy a home?

Perhaps you've surfed the Internet and landed on Web sites offering information about homes for sale.

Or, maybe you've scanned the classified realty ads and happened upon a home that's for sale by owner.

Why should you use an agent, you might wonder, if it's so easy to find listings of homes for sale on your own?

The Internet revolution has given the consumer access to a wealth of information about homes for sale. But, consider the source of the bulk of that information.

Realtor.com and HomeSeekers.com, two vast Internet sites with tens of thousands of home-for-sale listings, gather their listing information directly from realtor-sponsored multiple listing services.

A multiple listing service (MLS) is an organization of real estate agents who share information about their listings.

This gives all member agents the opportunity to sell a listing and in so doing, it provides more market exposure for the seller's property.

Sellers list their homes for sale with real estate agencies because they prefer to have an agent represent them in the sale of their prop-

erty.

They don't want to work directly with a buyer. They want an intermediary to handle the marketing of the property and the sale transaction.

In exchange for the real estate agent's services, the seller agrees to pay a commission which is usually a percentage of the sale price.

When a property is submitted to the MLS, the listing agent offers to share the commission with any other member agent who finds a buyer for the property.

So, if you're interested in buying a property that is already listed for sale by a real estate agent, you might as well have an agent represent you. The seller has already agreed to pay for this.

If you're inquiring about a listing you find on the Internet or in a classified realty ad, be careful that you don't inadvertently find yourself working with the wrong agent.

A listing advertisement often directs you to the listing agent. This is the agent who represents the seller. It's fine to gather information about the property from the seller's agent.

But, when it comes right down to actually making an offer to buy a property, you may feel more com-

Don't rely on verbal promises.

fortable having a different agent represent you.

To avoid misunderstandings, let the listing agent know that you haven't selected an agent yet but that you're in the process of making that decision.

Or, if you already have an agent, let the listing agent know.

Some homes are offered for sale without an agent.

These are called For Sale By Owners or FIZBOS. You can find by-owner listings on the Internet and in the classified realty ads.

Sellers usually choose to sell their homes on their own to save the realty commission.

Whether or not these properties can be purchased at a bargain price depends on how realistic the seller is.

What often happens in FIZBO negotiations is that both the buyer and the seller feel entitled to save the amount of the commission, so the negotiations bog down.

If you do decide to buy a home directly without a real estate agent,

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By Dian Hymer

have the property appraised, even if you're paying all cash, to make sure that you're not overpaying for the property.

Also, hire a knowledgeable real estate attorney to draft or review your purchase agreement to make sure that you're adequately protected. A real estate purchase agreement is a binding legal document but only if it's in writing and signed by all parties.

Don't rely on verbal promises.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide." Available in book stores or from Chronicle Books: (800) 722-6657.

Trends shift in profile of homebuyers

By Alan J. Heavens

KNIGHT-RIDDER NEWSWAPERS

WHEN A RECORD 6.5 million new and existing houses are sold in the United States in a single year, certain patterns are bound to emerge.

Here are a few that probably will carry through the early years of the 21st century.

■ The median age of homebuyers increased over the decade of the 1990s — to 39 from 34 years.

■ Buyers' annual income is 55 percent higher than that of an average American household.

■ While most homebuyers were married couples, single-person households — especially single females — are a growing part of the equation.

■ The percentage of vacation-home or second-home buyers actually declined slightly over the last 10 years.

■ Only 20 percent of homebuyers purchased new houses, a drop of 7 percentage points from 1989.

■ About 41 percent of buyers purchased houses in a city — the majority first-timers.

These and other findings are part of a profile of buyers and sellers developed by the National Association of Realtors, in Washington.

The Realtors surveyed 20,000 people nationwide who either bought or sold a house in 1999, according to Kevin A. Roth, the principal author of the report.

Forty-two percent of last year's homebuyers purchased a house for the first time, according to the survey, compared with 38 percent in 1989.

First-time buyers are typically younger and not as well off as repeat buyers, according to the survey.

On average, first-timers in 1999 were 32 years old, while repeat buyers were 45.

The median household income in 1999 for first-time buyers was \$49,700, while for repeat buyers it was \$68,900.

About 90 percent of Philadelphia-area broker Christopher J. Artur's clients are first-time buyers in their 20s.

He has found that many of them are not prepared to be home-

owners. "This is not a generation of savers," said Artur, a broker for more than 25 years.

"Their credit card debt is unbelievable."

"They buy expensive cars, have to stretch to afford, and understand why they can't afford mortgage, too."

Besides being heavily in debt, short on down payments and rising costs, many of today's first-time buyers don't seem to stay at one place for long.

"They seem to do a lot of job-hopping," Artur said.

"It's usually seven months to six months there. Lenders have a hard time with that."

In his experience, first-time buyers' reasons for buying a house differ from those of their parents' generation — and from those of Realtors' survey, in which more than a third of first-time buyers cited "a desire to own a home of their own."

Artur's clients "seem to be happy where they live now, are having problems with the landlord, don't like their neighborhood," said

"Pride of ownership motivates their parents, but problems seem to motivate them."

Married buyers still predominate. Only 6 percent of homebuyers are unmarried couples last year.

The percentage of unmarried female homebuyers has been increasing over the decade, while the percentage of single male buyers has been dropping.

Although the survey showed the percentage of second-home buyers declined slightly over the decade, the volume is higher because the total number of home sales almost doubled from 1989 to 1999.

The Realtors' survey said more people preferred new houses whether they bought it or not.

According to the Realtors' survey, the typical buyer took eight weeks to search for a house last year, up from 10 weeks before buying.

Supporting educational teamwork

GNOMUS, INC.

Mark Palmer, President of eHomesAlameda.com Realty, has offered to donate \$3,000 as a matching grant in support of an exciting educational project being conducted by Gnomus, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational corporation based in Alameda.

Gnomus, Inc., under the guidance of its founder and Educational Director, Dr. Nome Baker, is working with the Alameda Unified School District, in partnership with U.C. Berkeley's Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, the Chabot Space and Science Center, and WestEd (a well-known educational research organization based in S.F. and Oakland) to develop an innovative method of teaching science using Gnomus Card Decks (©Gnomus, Inc.).

These are hands-on activities that encourage students to develop their team-working, problem-solving and communication skills while learning biological, physical and space science units.

The materials are being developed and field-tested in collaboration with teachers and facilitators at Lincoln Middle School, the Arthur Andersen Community Learning Center at Enci-

nal High School and at Alameda High School.

Preliminary evaluations by middle school students and teachers have been highly favorable.

In particular teachers and other educators who have visited the Gnomus classes have noted how the materials are able to actively engage almost all students in learning complex scientific material and in helping each other in their problem solving, and in testing hypotheses.

Funds are needed for further development and printing of scientific units requested for the fall semester and for an independent evaluation of the educational value of the units.

After the evaluation and final editing, Gnomus Card Decks will be printed and distributed to other schools in the Alameda Unified School District and to other school districts in the Bay Area and throughout the state.

Eventually, it is hoped that the card decks will be used on a national scale.

Any proceeds from the sale or licensing of Gnomus Card Decks will be used to develop additional educational materials and to provide scholarships, mentoring and tutoring for low-income students.

Dr. Baker, a physiologist and bio-

chemist, is a former career research scientist who directed a large laboratory at the V.A. Medical Campus in Los Angeles and was an adjunct professor at UCLA Medical School and at U.C. Berkeley for over 35 years before retiring to work in public school education.

He has worked extensively with various public schools in Los Angeles and in the bay area, especially in collaboration with the UC Berkeley's MESA outreach program.

He donates his services and all of his intellectual materials to his non-profit organization.

Mark Palmer, president of eHomesAlameda.com Realty, has been supporting Gnomus, Inc. for several years, not only by offering yearly do-

nations, but also by allowing Gnomus, Inc. to share space in his office in downtown Alameda at a nominal, well-below market rental rate.

He urges the community to join him and the teachers and students of the Alameda Unified School District in supporting this extremely exciting educational innovation.

Tax-free donations should be sent in the form of checks made out to Gnomus, Inc.

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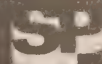
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signed not only to prevent lenders from contacting borrowers and brokers directly, but also to ensure privacy, as many lenders do not want to post their rates publicly.

Everything is anonymous initially. The mortgage broker takes a loan application, verifies the income, assets and credit of the borrower. At a point where the mortgage broker feels it is time to "shop" the loan, it is posted on the system. Both IMX and LoanTrader are now Web site based, making broker access much easier.

During the initial two years, IMX upgraded their software five or six times while they worked the bugs out of the system.

Unfortunately, we were always one upgrade behind. IMX did send us software that provides a "bridge" that interfaces with our mortgage software.

Even though we import an entire loan application, the lenders see only things like loan to value, credit scores, available cash, income, ratios and loan amount.

The broker tells the lender what rate and points he would like to offer the borrower. It is then put out to bid.

The lenders then post their bids on the loans submitted. If the bid is good, often at least one quarter percent below the prevailing rate at the same cost offered by the 60 plus lenders we follow everyday, we lock the loan rate. (The lenders bid on the lock time as well.)

This is when the lender and the

broker are put together. Because the broker is automatically approved with the lender through IMX, the IMX representative then provides the lenders paperwork and transportation services.

In this industry, we have a delivery system called "Transbox", which like UPS and FedEx, delivers paperwork between mortgage brokers and their lenders on a next day delivery system.

When the lender bids on the loan, they also bid on the delivery time, the time the broker must deliver the loan to them.

That would be based on what the broker asked for a lock in period. If the broker asked for a 10 to 15 day lock, the lender would request delivery of the loan package with in a day or two.

If a 21- to 30-day lock was requested, the lender would not need the loan package for at least seven to 10 days.

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It also opens an additional lender base for our borrowers.

For the lenders, this system offers an affordable marketing tool to get those loans without hiring an additional sales staff and all the overhead that managing a staff requires.

Although the lenders bid on the loan package that does not mean that the clients will automatically be approved.

We had a client with perfect

Mortgage Madness



By
Karen
Senzig

credit, high but acceptable ratios (ratios are that qualifying numbers that measure your income versus your housing and debt expense.) Unfortunately their home didn't qualify. The home was the ultimate fixer upper project in process.

The appraiser had noted that the property was only in "fair" condition.

Their are loans for this kind of property, however they generally do not demand the very best interest rate.

After growing up with IMX over the last three years, we must admit that the on-line marketplace has become a very efficient electronic tool in the world of Mortgage Madness.

Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband Scott. She can be reached 510-339-8511, fax 510-339-3814, e-mail at ksenzig@aol.com. Please contact her with any mortgage questions and/or topics for discussion

a scathing critique of the remodeling by Herzog and De Mueron of the interior of the Tate Gallery in London. They referred to the "cold and sterile gallery spaces there as "a mausoleum to modernism."

This solution would serve the purpose of preserving the most interesting spaces in the existing building, such as Hearst Hall with its marvelous Spanish Baroque decorations. Then the expanded facilities of the museum could be housed in an adjacent Post Modern wing that would integrate with, not clash with, the surrounding park and all the nearby historic structures.

Post Modern architecture incorporates motifs from specific historic styles, as well as reintroduces a variety of colors, textures, and shapes to the exteriors of new buildings. This blended approach was used effectively for the addition to the Yale Art Museum in New Haven Connecticut several years ago. If a master of Post Modern design such as Mario Botta were hired for this project, the citizens of San Francisco would no doubt get a truly aesthetic new De Young Museum that would be appropriate both for its natural setting, and for the historic context into which it must fit.

The next step for opponents is to prompt candidates in the supervisors election to take a stand. Then, appeal to the municipal and federal courts. If this doesn't succeed, Fusco stated that his group will probably file a lawsuit "a last resort to prevent this travesty from being forced on the citizens of San Francisco."

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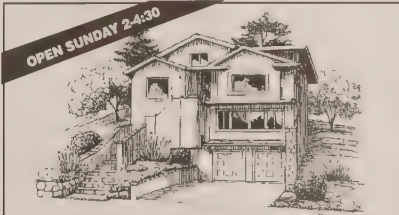


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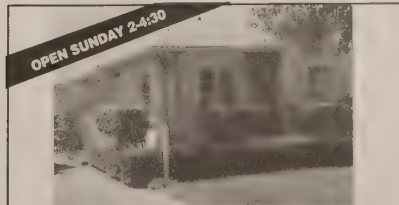


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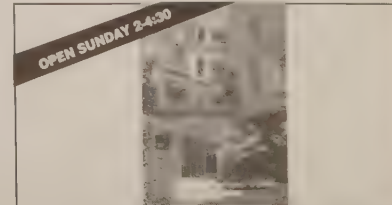
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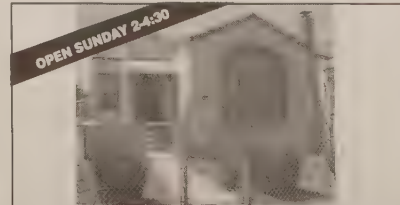
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FROGS popularity jumping

■ Finished rooms over garages are being used as theaters, sewing areas, hobby spots and playrooms

By Megan Sexton
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Call them bonus rooms, storage rooms or teenager suites, there are as many uses as names for finished rooms over garages.

For Cheryl and John Branham, the room is the perfect spot for a home theater, complete with a movie screen and projector, dark walls, comfortable chairs and vintage movie posters.

For Anne and Tony Reynolds, their "everything" room is a playroom, sewing room, hobby room and guest bedroom.

Aimee and Bobby Mann turned the room — used as a kids' playroom by previous owners — into an adult playroom, complete with television and an assortment of sports paraphernalia. Each wall is a different bright color, with a window seat and built-in bookcases surrounding the window.

Still others have turned them into home offices, game rooms, libraries, exercise rooms, and even bedrooms for pampered pets.

Finished rooms over garages — FROGS — are practically standard with new construction. They are generally large, open rooms with slanted ceilings and a window at the far end. The size of the room depends on the size of the home and garage. And with some new homes sporting three-car garages, the FROGS can get pretty large.

John Branham, a long-time movie fan, has been planning on using his FROG as a home theater for years. The 625-square-foot room originally was used as a playroom for his two children, but as they got older, he decided it was time to go for a home theater.

Work has begun on installing a movie screen, digital light projector and new EX surround-sound system, something most theaters don't even have yet.

It allows six channels to carry sound, instead of the five used by most theaters.

The Branham's have a couch, loveseat and recliner ready, and to add to the movie theater-like ambience, they are painting the room a black-gray with white trim.

Carrying through with the theme, they'll be framing and hanging old movie posters, like the one from "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," the 1948 movie starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy.

Eventually, John Branham hopes

to add small white lights along the floor, just like a darkened movie theater.

Anne Reynolds said she was running out of space in the one-story, three-bedroom Irmo home she shares with her husband and two young children. To avoid having to move, they needed a room where the kids could play and watch TV. Reynolds would have a spot for her sewing and her husband could work on his hobby of building fishing rods. And one more thing: They wanted space for a guest bedroom.

The Reynoldses found the solution in the 14-by-20-foot FROG up the stairs from their kitchen. They did the work themselves, lining the walls and ceiling with Southern yellow pine — one of the more affordable types of wood — to give the room something of a cabin feel.

They constructed built-in cabinets in the knee wall, and they brought in the TV and the kids' Legos, games and puzzles.

"I didn't want them to just come up here and watch TV," she said. Reynolds ordered a ready-to-assemble queen-size sleeper sofa, then added additional furnishings and some large floor pillows for the kids. One side of the room by the stairs now has a long work area with drawers and cabinets, giving Reynolds a place to sew, and her husband the space he needs to work on his hobby.

Adding to the versatility of FROGS for families, their large dimensions make them multipurpose. "You can divide them up without it costing too much," said interior designer Bonnie Younginger. "You can do a lot with them, it just takes

How to build a better fence — from the ground up

Fences have pretty much the same basic components — vertical posts set in the ground with concrete, horizontal rails that traverse between the posts that hold fence boards or pickets. (Fence boards usually are installed together to produce a solid barrier. Pickets are smaller boards that are spaced apart for an open look.)

Generally speaking, you won't need to get a building permit to build a fence. However, you should check with your local building department to find out more about local fence-building rules. They do exist. In our area, for example, fences cannot exceed 6 feet in height and must not protrude into a side or front yard setback. Front yard fences must not exceed 3-foot or so and must look a certain way.

Certain types of wood are better for use outdoors than others. Pressure-treated wood is best, but cedar and redwood also are quite good. Practically any kind of wood can be used for a painted fence. Keep in mind that painted fences must be regularly re-coated to maintain a waterproof surface and to ensure lasting quality of non-weather-resistant woods such as fir and pine.

A good alternative to painting is heavy body stain. With stain there is no worry about chipping and splitting. However, re-coating is required every several years. Even the best outdoor woods will last longer and look better if protected with a wood preservative. We always use an oil-base product. Water-base products just don't last.

It also is important to know that water doesn't bead on a properly treated wood surface. The television commercials you see are deceiving. Wax makes water bead on wood. That's because wax seals the surface causing it to be smooth — and the water beads. What you really want is an oil-base product that gets down into the pores of the wood. A wax job will last for about three months to six months, whereas oil will last for a year or two. Wax evaporates into the air over four times faster than oil does.

Fasteners should be weather-resistant too. We suggest stainless steel or hot dipped galvanized (not electro galvanized) nails or construction screws.

The person selling it to you might refer to it as a new polymer or PVC, or by some other exotic



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name, but it's all still plastic. Don't get us wrong; plastic is becoming very popular for fencing. We don't feel that plastic will last as long as wood, but we are pretty sure that it will be far less difficult to maintain for the time that it does last. No paint or preservatives required, no nail pops and no splitting.

Some home centers and hardware stores offer preassembled sections of fencing. Lots of work can be saved here, but there are a few things you need to be aware of. Many of these neat little assemblies are destined to fall apart almost immediately after they are installed. Here's why. The connectors are not truly weather-resistant, they might look galvanized, but are the cheap kind. Also, the wood used might be especially sensitive to attack by sun and water.

Again, all you have to do is be certain that the sections are made out of redwood, cedar or pressure-treated wood, and that the connectors are guaranteed to be water-resistant.

Regardless of the type of fence you build, you will need fence posts and they will need to be installed in concrete. Here are a few tips:

■ The hole should be about 10 to 12 inches in diameter and about 2½ feet deep.

■ Fill the bottom of the hole with about 6 inches of drain rock.

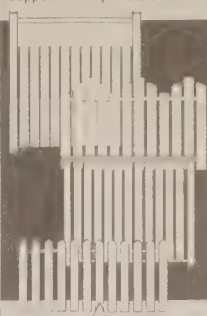
■ Set the post on top of the rock (not in it) and pour the concrete around it.

■ The concrete should be at grade — yes, it should show — and it should be crowned so that water will shed away from the post. Water must not puddle around a fence post.

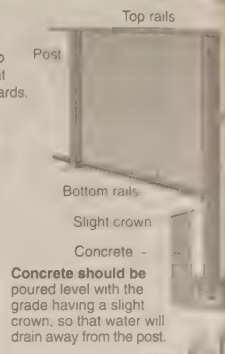
We like our fence posts 6 to 8 feet apart. Six-foot centers render a stronger fence, but cost more. For gates 4 feet wide or larger use 4-by-6-inch or 6-by-6-inch posts in 4-foot-deep holes. Make sure that the holes are at least 16 inches in diameter.

Fences

All fences have the same basic components: vertical posts set into the ground and horizontal rails that support either pickets or fence boards.



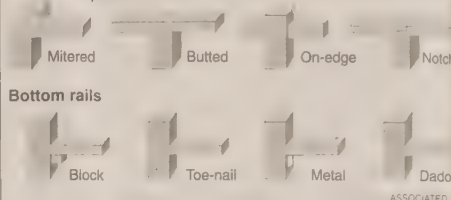
You can buy prefabricated fencing sections at lumberyards and home centers. They'll save you some sawing and assembling.



Concrete should be poured level with the grade having a slight crown, so that water will drain away from the post.

Protect posts — Cover tops of posts with post caps, so water will run off

There are a number of different ways to attach rails to the posts.



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a little creative thought."

She suggested skylights in the room so the slanted ceilings don't feel like they are bearing down on you.

Interior designer Burton Hawkins, with Burton Brown Interiors, agreed that FROGs can have a tendency to

look generic. "You need to give them a little pizzazz," he said.

Hawkins suggested using a small patterned carpet, perhaps a Wilton-weave English carpet that can take high traffic but is low maintenance. Depending upon the type of room you want to end up with, Hawkins suggested buying a small floral or a vine-covered trellis.

He suggested painting the sloped ceiling a pale blue to make it feel like

the sky. And, if the room has knee walls (the area directly beneath where the sloped ceiling connects to the wall), "always, always do built-ins. TVs, cabinets with display shelves ... Once you're seated, that's the part of the wall you see."

Another plus for FROGs: Their sheer size means that large exercise equipment can be accommodated, and need never be put away, according to designer Jolene Smith.

Smith, of Southern Magnolia Interiors, said some people choose to put mirrors along the walls and a stereo and VCR for exercise videos.

"Adults can use this room as a media room complete with a small kitchen."

Smith also said the rooms work well as activity rooms for games, televisions and computers. She said children think of FROGs as havens, where they needn't worry about parental disapproval if they make a mess.

"One of the things I like about them is you can get rid of all the stuff you don't like downstairs. If somebody is sentimentally attached to something but it doesn't really fit in the rest of the house," it can work in the FROG, said Lynn Cobb, an interior designer.

"You don't have the same restrictions you have in the main part of the house where you want the rooms to flow into each other. You can make it unique or different," she said.



ANNE AND TONY REYNOLDS use their 14-by-20-foot FROG as a playroom for their two children and as a work station for sewing and fishing rod building. They lined the walls and ceiling with Southern yellow pine paneling to give the room a cabin-like feel.

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Alexander keeping things in perspective

**Preseason
all-American a
leader on field,
in classroom**

By Dean Rosener
CORRESPONDENT

During non-contact drills, the East Bay's only preseason all-American gridder acts just like his fellow teammates. St. Mary's Lorenzo Alexander gracefully pivots and spins all 270 of his pounds to the demanding drumbeat of his coaches. The linemen, with their opponents invisible, perform a beefy, charming ballet, without any stars.

But then the intra-squad contact begins. Suddenly, Alexander is the unquestioned leader on the defensive line, pointing, exhorting, instructing.

"He's a senior co-captain, but more like an assistant coach," head coach Dan Shaughnessy said. "Lorenzo is one of the very smartest players I've had in 41 years of coaching."

No surprise, then, that the big lineman is a heavyweight in the classroom, too. The Oaklander carries a 3.83 grade point average out of a possible four. He credits family.

"I live with my mom and my auntie, and only one block away is their brother," he said. "(He's) been like a father to me (and) my coach in every sport since I was five years old."

"He was always so big, even at age five," said Steven Moore, Alexander's uncle and an assistant coach for the St. Mary's football team. "But even with that physical advantage, Lorenzo has always been incredibly competitive — never satisfied despite his successes."

"I lost 20 pounds of baby fat over the summer," said Alexander said, "increasing my speed without losing any strength."

On its all-American roster, *The Sporting News College Football Annual* lists



KATHY BAKER/STAFF

ST. MARY'S LINEMAN — and preseason all-American — Lorenzo Alexander is the Panther's the unquestioned leader on defense.

him at 6-foot-3 and 280 pounds, but the senior candidly brings those numbers down to 6-2, 270. Other key stats for the 17-year-old phenom: a bench press of 380 pounds and a 40-yard dash time of 4.9 seconds.

How dominant is the Panthers'

prodigy? Well, he does not play left or right defensive end, but wide side defensive end.

"I always want him on the bigger side of the field, so he can use his speed to contain people," Shaughnessy said. "He has started at that demanding position

since day one of his sophomore year."

During his 16 seasons as head coach at St. Mary's, Shaughnessy has built a dynasty around imposing linemen, including John Romero, who journeyed just

See ALEXANDER, Page C2

Realignment creates new leagues, rivalries

By Curtis Pashelka
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Just chalk it up to experience. File it right next to the USFL, AfterMASH and the Yugo.

Like those other failed experiments, the Northgate High School football team's four-year stint in the Bay Valley Athletic League was a disaster. They were 4-35-1 in four years, and the group of seniors that graduated last spring went through their freshman, junior varsity and varsity seasons without winning a single game.

Now, the Broncos varsity team is the not-so-proud owner of a 23-game losing streak.

That should change this year.

This spring, the North Coast Section realigned several schools into different leagues, and created new leagues like the Bay Shore and the Diablo Foothill.

As a result, Northgate and College Park move from the BVAL to the DFAL. Freedom goes from the Tri-County Athletic League to the BVAL. Berkeley and Pinole Valley are now in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League. Alameda, Piedmont, Albany and St. Mary's have broken away from the ACCAL to join the BSAL.

Confused yet?

"We tried to do the best we can to make things equal for everyone," said Tom Ehrhorn, the NCS' new commissioner of athletics. "The two main criteria we used when realigning these schools into leagues were geographic location and competitive equity. From that standpoint, we're happy with how things have turned out."

So is Northgate. The Broncos' football team was doing well until 1996. In the three seasons before as a member of the Foothill Athletic League, Northgate had an overall regular-season record of 22-9, including 10-0 in 1994. The Broncos were 13-2 in FAL contests.

Then the bottom fell out.

"All of a sudden we were competing against schools that had much larger enrollments, schools that had bigger talent pools to draw from," Northgate coach Ted Tellian said. "But our kids never

stopped competing. We were giving teams like Ygnacio Valley and Deer Valley all they could handle last season."

Freedom is now in a similar position to Northgate four years ago, as the Falcons begin play in the BVAL this season. Last year, the Falcons competed mainly against schools that were smaller but were also farther away.

This season, every school Freedom faces in league play will have a larger enrollment, but will also be closer in proximity.

"We're excited about the season. We'll be facing some of our traditional rivals," Freedom coach Larry Rodriguez said. "It means more people can come to our games when we're not at home. Before, it was difficult for some of our fans to come to games that were a long way away."

The same should hold true for the new schools in the ACCAL. Pinole Valley and Berkeley used to have to travel long distances to face teams in their respective leagues. Now the schools they face will only be a few miles away. Or is some cases, a few blocks.

"It's going to be an old-fashioned street fight, a dog fight until the end," Berkeley coach Gary Weaver said. "These guys see each other at the grocery store, in church, at the park. It's going to make for a very competitive year."

The ACCAL is also more diverse in size. While the BVAL features teams from 3A and 4A, and eight of the 10 teams in the DFAL are 2A, the ACCAL has teams in three different classifications. Three schools are in 2A (El Cerrito, De Anza, Encinal), two are in 3A (Alameda, Richmond) and two in 4A (Pinole Valley, Berkeley).

"It's not going to be much different for us. Traditionally, we had faced some of these schools before the league season started," Pinole Valley coach Jim Erickson said. "But it will cut down on our travel time. That should help us."

While other football leagues in the East Bay figure to be competitive all the way to the end, the Bay Shore Athletic

ALAMEDA/CONTRA COSTA ATHLETIC LEAGUE

HOME GAMES IN CAPS * League games

Alameda

Sept. 9	at Salesian	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	EMERY	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	ALBANY	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	at De Anza* 7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 6	ENCINAL*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Richmond*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	PINOLE VALLEY*	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at El Cerrito*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Granada	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	BERKELEY*	7 p.m.

Berkeley

Sept. 8	FOOTHILL	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at James Logan	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	DOS PALOS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Livermore	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	DE ANZA*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Encinal* 7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 20	RICHMOND*	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Pinole Valley*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	EL CERRITO*	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Alameda*	7:30 p.m.

De Anza

Sept. 8	MCCLYMONDS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Kennedy-Rich.	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	ST. MARY'S 7:30 p.m.	
Sept. 28	ALAMEDA* 7:30 p.m.	
Oct. 6	at Berkeley*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Bye	NA
Oct. 20	at Encinal*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Richmond*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	PINOLE VALLEY*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at El Cerrito*	3:30 p.m.

El Cerrito

Sept. 8	SKYLINE	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	ST. MARY'S 7 p.m.	
Sept. 22	at Lincoln-Stokton	7:15 p.m.
Sept. 28	ENCINAL*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Richmond*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Pinole Valley*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Marin Catholic	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	ALAMEDA* 7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 3	at Berkeley*	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	DE ANZA*	3:30 p.m.

Encinal

Sept. 8	ALBANY	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Piedmont 7 p.m.	
Sept. 22	at Moreau Catholic	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at El Cerrito*	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Alameda*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	BERKELEY*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	DE ANZA*	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Foothill	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Richmond*	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	PINOLE VALLEY*	7 p.m.

Pinole Valley

Sept. 9	at Kennedy-Sac	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	MONTE VISTA	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	JAMES LOGAN	7 p.m.

Richmond

Sept. 29	RICHMOND*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	ST. MARY'S 7 p.m.	
Oct. 13	EL CERRITO*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Alameda*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	BERKELEY*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at De Anza* 7:30 p.m.	
Nov. 10	at Encinal*	7:30 p.m.

Bay Shore Athletic League

Albany

Sept. 8	at Encinal	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	SIR FRANCIS DRAKE	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Alameda	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	CASTLEMONT	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	BYE	NA
Oct. 13	ST. PATRICK*	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at St. Mary's*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at John Swett*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	PIEDMONT*	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	at Kennedy*	1:30 p.m.

John Swett

Sept. 8	BEREAN CHRISTIAN	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	COLFAX	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	CASTLEMONT*	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	WINTERS	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Bye	NA
Oct. 13	at Piedmont*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Kennedy*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	ALBANY*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	ST. MARY'S*	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	at St. Patrick*	7 p.m.

Kennedy

Sept. 9	BYE	
Sept. 16	DE ANZA	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	SALESIAN	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Oakland Tech	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	CASTLEMONT	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	ST. MARY'S*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	JOHN SWETT*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Piedmont*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at St. Patrick*	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	ALBANY*	1:30 p.m.

St. Mary's

Sept. 9	OAKLAND	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at El Cerrito 7 p.m.	
Sept. 22	at De Anza	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	RIORDAN	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Pinole Valley	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	KENNEDY*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	ALBANY*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at St. Patrick*	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at John Swett*	7 p.m.
Nov. 11	PIEDMONT*	1:30 p.m.

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Cantor's goal: huge audience

It's July 12, 1998, at Stade de France in St. Denis, outside Paris. Zinedine Zidane heads in a corner kick for host France against Brazil in the World Cup final.

"GOOOOOOOOOOOOOLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL!" screams Andres Cantor in his customary cry that has become known to both Spanish- and English-speaking soccer fans throughout the United States.

Cantor, who called the past three World Cups for the Univision television network, moved to Spanish-language rival Telemundo a few months ago. Univision recently announced its agreement to televise the 2002 and 2006 World Cups to Spanish-speaking fans in this country. So Cantor won't likely be part of the package, at least for 2002.

But that doesn't mean Cantor won't call the next World Cup. Fans will simply have to tune in on radio.

In addition to his television duties, Cantor is also the host of "Futbol de Primera," the original coast-to-coast Spanish-language radio soccer program. On Aug. 22, Futbol de Primera announced that it has secured the U.S. Spanish-language radio rights to the next two World Cups.

"It's one of the biggest highlights of our lives," said Futbol de Primera creator, producer and president Alex Gutman. "I heard there were 15 companies bidding for (the rights). We were the lucky ones chosen by FIFA."

Futbol de Primera's agreement with Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), soccer's world governing body, also includes the rights to the World Youth Cups of 2001, 2003 and 2005; the 2003 Women's World Cup; the 2001, 2003 and 2005 Confederations Cups; and all preliminary and final draws for these events.

Futbol de Primera also holds exclusive Spanish-language radio rights to the World Cup qualifying matches of the U.S., Paraguayan and Bolivian national teams. Currently, Futbol de Primera provides broadcasts of various matches involving club teams. A couple weeks ago, for example, KZSF (1370 AM) carried Futbol de Primera's coverage of the Merconorte Cup match between Chivas de Guadalajara and Barcelona of Ecuador.

Fans can now look forward to more Cantor. In addition, Futbol de Primera promises to have a stable of commentators that includes former U.S. national team coaches Bora Milutinovic and Steve Sampson (both men speak fluent Spanish), former Argentina coach Carlos Salvador Bilardo (World Cup-winning coach in 1986, second place four years later), and 1986 Mexican World Cup star Javier Aguirre.

Futbol de Primera also has secured the services of two highly-respected soccer journalists from Mexico, Fernando Schwartz and "Don" Ignacio Matus.

"(Matus) is a most recognizable figure in Mexico," says Gutman, himself a former professional soccer player. "He has covered 11 or 12 World Cups. He is a delightful person with great knowledge of the game."

"(Schwartz) is also a well-known figure in Mexico through his work with Televisa (Mexico's major television conglomerate). He is very, very professional, accurate and objective. He doesn't talk for the sake of talking."

"We feel we are going to have the greatest group of commentators and color men in history."

Some might find it odd that a column about Spanish-language soccer coverage appears in a mainstream English publication. But it's not really strange at all. Especially to those of us who love soccer.

Univision has televised every World Cup since 1978. For many of those years, it provided the only television coverage available to fans in the United States. Even in 1998, Univision was the only outlet to provide comprehensive coverage from France. ABC-ESPN televised select matches in English.

For those who don't happen to be in front of a TV, Spanish-language radio has historically been the only option. English-language radio did not broadcast the 1998 World Cup in this country. Come to think of it, no English-language broadcasts were available for the 1994 World Cup, the one hosted by the United States.

Those of us who love soccer, then, have to be at least moderately functional in a language besides English. And Futbol de Primera is an excellent source for soccer information — at least for those able to receive it.

Futbol de Primera, based in San Francisco (Gutman) and Miami (Cantor), launched its original show 12 years ago from San Jose station KLOK (1170 AM). The show later moved to San Francisco's KIQI (1010-AM). Futbol de Primera consisted of hour-long programs on weekdays with a special show Sunday nights. Today, Futbol de Primera has expanded its programming and distributes it to 40 stations in the



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Between the Lines

United States and Central America.

But for both Futbol de Primera and its Bay Area listeners, the past two years have been an unusual journey. In March 1998, national network Radio Unica took over KIQI and put its own programming on the air. Futbol de Primera was one of the casualties.

"We had an extraordinary audience," said the Argentina-born Gutman, a San Francisco resident. "This was like losing our back yard."

Today, Futbol de Primera's daily program is sometimes heard on KZSF. We should be hearing more in the coming months.

"We've had a lot of changes lately," said Gutman. "We've received so many calls from stations. When we get ready to sign a contract with a station, we will want them to carry all our programming."

Two years ago, Radio Unica brought the World Cup to U.S. radio audiences. The network covered the matches well. It also filled what would have been a huge void.

In addition to match coverage, Radio Unica also has a four-hour sports show on weekdays. The commentators, though knowledgeable, tend to talk over one another in what comes off as an annoying battle of egos.

Futbol de Primera's weekday program has been sorely missed around here. And unlike Radio Unica, Futbol de Primera, as its name suggests, is devoted totally to soccer.

Now, we look ahead to even greater coverage.

"We really care about content," says Gutman. "That's our main concern. The product needs to be a great product. I will be proud to have someone say to me, 'You did it differently.' I'm not even looking at expenses."

As a professional player in Europe and Argentina, Gutman never played in a World Cup.

"This will be my World Cup," he says.

GOOOOOOOLLLLLL!!!!!! Cantor, like Gutman, originates from Argentina. Though his customary call of "GOOOOOOOOOOOOOLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL!!!!!!!" has become his trademark, he did not invent it. Every time he screams it into a microphone, he carries on a long-standing tradition of Argentine soccer broadcasters.

Still, it's a tradition that many people have come to appreciate. On top of that, Cantor is very knowledgeable.

Cantor will lend some of that knowledge to English-speaking audiences when he calls Olympic soccer action for NBC later this month. Cantor will work the games with retired U.S. national team and MLS star Alexi Lalas.

Cantor can only improve the telecasts. Too often, mainstream soccer broadcasters in this country talk down to their audiences. They assume that we have no knowledge of the sport. How annoying.

Cal well represented at Summer Olympics

STAFF REPORTS

The University of California at Berkeley will be sending 11 students and one coach to the upcoming Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

UC Berkeley swimmer Anthony Ervin will race in the 50-meter freestyle and 400-meter freestyle relay events and another swimmer, Stacianna Stitts, will compete in the 100-meter breaststroke for the U.S. team.

Two members of the university's women's water polo team, Ericka Lorenz and Heather Petri, are also representing the United States.

Six members of the UC Berkeley men's rowing team will be at the Olympics competing for various countries. Jake Wetzel is rowing for the U.S. team while his teammates

Filip Filipie, Ivan Smiljanic and Mladen Stegic are rowing for Yugoslavia, Nito Simonsen is rowing for Norway and Kevin White is rowing for Canada.

Pitching for Italy is Nicole Disalvo of the UC Berkeley softball team.

UC Berkeley gymnastics coach Barry Weiner is serving as assistant coach for the U.S. men's gymnastics team.

In addition, the spokesman says, 22 former UC Berkeley students are participating in the 2000 Summer Olympics including basketball star Jason Kidd, who left the university in 1994 to join the NBA, and soccer champion and 1990 alumna Joy Biefeld Fawcett.

Realign

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League may be a bit more predictable. In the past two seasons, St. Mary's had an overall regular season record of 16-4. The five other teams in the BSAL had a combined record of 28-65-2.

But that doesn't mean St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy is taking anything for granted.

"It's good for us to have three or four (nonleague) games," Shaugh-

nessy said. "But if you get two losses in this league, you're done."

Ehrhorn said that when the NCS put leagues together, they were keeping in mind more than one sport.

"The realignment doesn't just affect football or basketball, it encompasses every sport," he said. "Schools that are very good in one sport may not be as good in another. Up until a few years ago, De La Salle wasn't a football powerhouse. People forget that things can change."

Only time will tell if things have changed for the better.

Salsig

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14. The Oakland City Championship is Sept. 16-17, the last time it will ever be at Lake Chabot as we knew it. Call the pro shop at 351-5812 for an entry blank, or go to amateurgolf.com on the web.

Don't worry, Blomberg's not playing. At least not until he reads this: Lake Chabot will be no more after this tournament. Last chance. Arthur Hill is replacing the old workhorse with a brand new golf course, starting next year.

Now that might get Blomberg thinking.

East Bay Links: Jerry Berrow of Alameda, who gives any kid who asks a free set of golf clubs (523-4653), was given a \$2,500 grant

from the NCGA this week ... The 21st annual Cal Golf Tournament, sponsored in part by Twinhill, Titleist, Callaway and Ping, is set for Monday, Sept. 18 at the Orinda Country Club. Only 125 spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. For more information or to request an entry form, contact the Cal Golf office at 510-643-5914, Ken Lloyd at 510-464-2654 or Frank Brunk at 925-258-0428 ... Martha Burkhard won her fourth straight age 12-14 junior title at the Castlewood Junior ... Ki Shui Liao of Alameda shot a 76 to win the State Fair Junior age 12-14 championship.

Ron Salsig turned pro so he would not have to embarrass himself further in the Oakland City Championship. He can be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fall schedules needed

The Hills Newspapers need schedules for high school fall sports. Please fax schedules to 339-4066.

Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is in need of officials for the upcoming high school season. The season begins Labor Day weekend. No experience is needed and training and monetary compensation is provided. Those interested should contact Sam Moriana at 521-4121.

Oakland Parks and Recreation is looking for experienced softball and basketball officials for the fall season. Contact Frederick L. Morris III at 238-3494.

Coaches needed

Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for its fall sports season. The Highlanders have coaching vacancies in junior varsity girls tennis, junior varsity girls volleyball and varsity boys water polo. Applicants should call athletic director Karyn Shipp at 594-2744.



LORENZO ALEXANDER (second from left) stands tall in the St. Mary's defense, but also is a strong student, earning a 3.83 GPA.

Alexander

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a few blocks down the street to play for Cal. Romero is now a rookie with the Philadelphia Eagles.

The very latest in that long red-and-white line is Alexander. Coveted by colleges across the land, the lineman has narrowed his list to a final five: Stanford, Southern Cal, Oregon, Tennessee and Miami. Stanford has the inside track, both for its academic-athletic reputation (he wants to major in mechanical engineering) and its close proximity, enabling family to attend games.

Even uncle mentor Moore could be a nephew play — at least on those ends when the Panthers play on Friday night instead of Saturday afternoon.

But that's next year. Looking at the Panthers' season opener on September 9 — a home game against Oakland High. Despite a thin roster of only six senior starters, Stanford hopes to improve on last year's division-finalist season. Team captain Alexander, but senior does want to justify that Stanford News expectation.

"It's nice to be named a person all-American," he said, "it would be better to be a poster all-American."

REALIGNED LEAGUES FOR FOOTBALL

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Alameda
Berkeley
De Anza
El Cerrito
Encinal
Pinole Valley
Richmond

BAY SHORE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Albany
John Swett
Kennedy
Piedmont
St. Mary's
St. Patrick

BAY VALLEY ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Antioch
Clayton Valley
Deer Valley
De La Salle
Freedom
Liberty
Pittsburg
Ygnacio Valley

DIABLO FOOTHILL ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Acalanes
Alhambra
Campolindo
College Park
Concord
Dublin
Las Lomas
Miramonte
Mt. Diablo
Northgate

EAST BAY ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Amador Valley
California
Foothill
Granada
Livermore
Monte Vista
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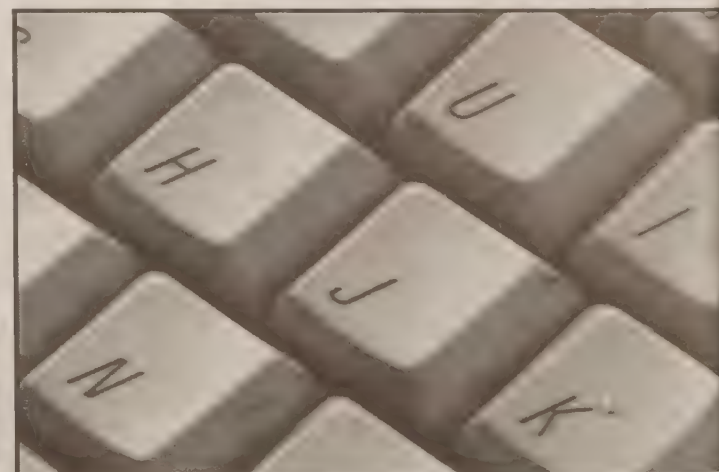
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Arts

Old-school tenor sax pro Turrentine blows into town

By Andrew Gilbert
CORRESPONDENT

Everything about Stanley Turrentine is big. A burly man with an even more imposing sound, the 66-year-old saxophonist is one of jazz's last old-school tenor players, a musician who remains indomitably himself in any musical context.

From his apprenticeship in blues and R&B bands through numerous classic soul jazz albums with Hammond B3 organ masters Jimmy Smith and Shirley Scott, Turrentine refined his highly distinctive style, a streamlined, blustery, cajoling sound as tough as it is tender.

When the market for acoustic, straight-ahead jazz collapsed in the early '70s, Turrentine became a crossover star with a series of Creed Taylor-produced albums for CTI such as "Sugar," "Cherry" and "Don't Mess With Mr. T," a nickname the saxophonist claimed long before the Mo'hawk actor.

A slew of instrumental pop albums for Fantasy followed, but by the mid-'80s he had returned to straight-ahead jazz, recording for MusicMasters and most recently the Concord label. While critics have bemoaned Turrentine's more commercial projects, Turrentine's sound itself has never changed, standing out even amid the most generic pop and funk arrangements with its strikingly rich tone.

"I've been categorized as a bebop player, a fusion player, a confusion player," Turrentine said from his hotel room in Seattle. "I'm just playing what I want to play. I didn't try to

PREVIEW

■ **WHO:** Stanley Turrentine

■ **WHERE:** Yoshi's at Jack London Square, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland

■ **WHEN:** 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 and 8 p.m. Sunday

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$22 Friday-Sunday nights, \$5-\$18 Sunday matinee (including youth and family discounts)

■ **CALL:** 510-238-9200

prove anything. I've got a distinctive sound, and I never went along with the bandwagon.

"Commercial is not a bad word for me," he continued. "It sustained me very well. I was just lucky enough to do 'Sugar,' 'Don't Mess With Mr. T' and a few other things with Creed Taylor. ... As far as the jazz purists' thing, critics, I don't listen to those guys."

For his six-night stand at Yoshi's, Turrentine brings in a fine quintet featuring pianist Bruce Barth, bassist James King, drummer Lenny Robinson and guitarist Dave Stryker. Inventive trombonist Steve Turre joins the band as special guest for the first three nights of the engagement, followed by trumpeter Freddie Hubbard for the last three.

The presence of Hubbard, who played on many of Turrentine's great



JAZZ BEAT: Stanley Turrentine plays a six-day gig at Yoshi's.

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Novelist Coulter cranks 'em out

Prolific writer is closing in on her 50th book

By Georgia Rowe
CORRESPONDENT

Catherine Coulter is one of the most prolific authors in the Bay Area. Coulter is the author of 49 novels, 30 of which have become best sellers.

Beginning in 1978 with "The Autumn Countess," she made her name in the popular romance genre with titles such as "The Wild Baron," "The Hellion Bride" and "The Wyndham Legacy."

"Writing has always come easy for me," she says. "I wrote two novels when I was 12. Now I can maybe take a week off between books, then I start to jump around. I just can't imagine doing anything else."

Coulter writes at home in the three-story Sausalito home she shares with her husband, Anton Pogany, a physician in private practice. Coulter's work space is, in fact, one that invites writing. Her spacious office includes three workstations, a sitting room, an enclosed outdoor dining area with a waterfall, a sweeping view of the San Francisco Bay and walls of floor-to-ceiling bookshelves lined with American and foreign editions of her books. Coulter



CATHERINE COULTER has a view of Angel Island from her Sausalito home. She credits her output to old-fashioned discipline, and writes from 7:30-11 a.m. daily.

says she writes every day. The petite, Texas-born author also says she wouldn't have it any other way.

No writer's block

A few years ago, Coulter decided to diversify, adding a new genre of contemporary suspense thrillers. In

1988, she wrote "False Pretenses," attracting a whole new readership.

Since then she's been turning out novels at the remarkable rate of two a year, alternating romances with contemporary fiction. Her latest book, "Riptide" — a page-turner combining murder, stalking, romance

and the FBI — quickly rose to No. 2 on the New York Times best-seller list.

Coulter's never at a loss for inspiration, and she's never had writer's block: "I don't believe in it,"

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New music: Embrace your inner wimp

THE COOL THING about pop music today is it's so fragmented and diverse.

It's cool for rock writers, anyway: It allows us to find evidence of "trends" that may exist only in our confused little brains.

But I think I can make a decent case for this one: It's hip to be a wuss.

We're talking independent, semi-underground music here. That is, the contrarian strain that rejects the mainstream. It makes sense. If you're disgusted with what the masses are consuming, you'll tend to embrace its opposite.

Hate bland, super-slick, pop-lesser virtuoso '70s rock and pop? Come up with ugly do-it-yourself punk.

Tired of strutting, pretty-boy, spandex-clad hair metal? Put on a torn plaid shirt, baggy shorts and start banging out self-loathing grunge.

Up to now, the antidote to the tame mainstream was ever-more-abrasive noise.

But the mainstream has now be-



WILLIAM FRIAR
Rock 'n' Roll Lifestyle

come at least as abrasive as the underground ever was, with all the Rage Against the Korny Bizkits out there.

So what's hot in indie circles? Ultra-wimpy, ultra-quiet music.

Just about the most celebrated geek-rock album of the year to date is the latest from uber-geeks Yo La Tengo, "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-Out."

YLT is capable of churning out music that has been described as "guitar-noise world domination." But the new album never raises its voice above a whisper. And the band has been promoting it around the country in a tour billed as a series of "unusually quiet evenings."

Sub Pop, the label that made a

huge noise with grunge, has now found a home for the twee, hushed music of folks such as the Pernice Brothers, Trembling Blue Stars and Saint Etienne.

Just how far this thing has gone became clear this summer with the release of the latest from the German industrial band Einstürzende Neubauten.

This is a band that considers a jet engine to be a legitimate musical instrument. Its very name translates to "Collapsing New Buildings."

But the new album is a two-CD set entitled "Silence Is Sexy." It's so understated that a cigarette being lit is one of the loudest sounds on the thing.

Elliott Smith has done more than just about anyone to make delicate, sensitive music cool again. He got his start with a Portland, Ore., punk band called Heatmiser. But by the mid-'90s, he was turning out painfully introverted folk solo tunes, often backed only by an acoustic guitar.

That was a radical move for someone with his background. And

guess what? The music was gorgeous, and earned him a passionate cult following.

He's broken through to the mainstream enough to move from respected indie label Kill Rock Stars to reviled massive label Universal. He also got a Grammy nomination for one of several songs that ended up on the "Good Will Hunting" soundtrack.

So you don't have to be a record store clerk to find some of this music enjoyable. If you're tired of rocking out and are ready to wuss out, here are a few recent releases worth checking out. Listen carefully. (You'll have to.)

■ **"Broken by Whispers"** (Sub Pop), Trembling Blue Stars. That the leader of this band, Robert Wratten, used to be in a band called the Field Mice should tell you something. If he were any softer, he'd be a marsupial. This is a dreamy, romantic album that blends jangly acoustic melodies with electronic bumbles and clicks. In "Sometimes I Still Feel the

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Folk trio performing at 'Ramblin' Jack' opening

Opening night for the acclaimed documentary "The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack" at Landmark's Shattuck Cinema on Friday, Sept. 1, will be highlighted by a live performance by the Noe Venable Trio.

In celebration of the folk traditions of the film's subject, Venable and her band will perform their own songs for the evening shows at the theater. Showtimes will be in the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. hours; check local listings for specific times.

"The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack" is a humorous portrait of American folk music legend Ramblin' Jack Elliott, filmed from the unique perspective of his own daughter, filmmaker Aiyana Elliott.

From his unlikely roots as the son of a Jewish doctor in Brooklyn, to his ongoing wanderings as the last of the singing cowboys, Ramblin' Jack has packed so many adventures into his 68 years that he almost seems more myth than man. The film features numerous songs and interviews with Ramblin' Jack, and other major folk music including Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Kris Kristofferson and Odette.

Singer-songwriter Noe Venable leads the Noe Venable Trio, featuring Alan Lin on violin, and Todd Sickafoose on acoustic bass. Called by San Francisco Magazine "the freshest voice in San Francisco," Venable sings in a language of vivid pictures and emotion. In applauding her music, the SF Weekly said she "talks like a rocker, sings like a jazz crooner, and tells stories like an old folkie."

The Landmark's Shattuck Cinema is located at 2230 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley.

For showtimes and information call 510-644-2992 or one the Web at www.LandmarkTheatres.com.

EVENTS

Cody's Books —

■ Terry Burnham and Jay Phelan, Sept. 5, 7:30 p.m. The authors discuss their book "Mean Genes — From Sex to Money to Food: Taming Our Primal Instincts."

■ Andrea Siegel, Sept. 7, 7 p.m. The author discusses her book "Open and Closed: For the Passionate Clothes Lover." At 1730 Fourth St.

■ Diana Spaulding and David Dodd, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. The authors discuss their book "The Grateful Dead Reader."

■ Glenn Dickey, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. The author discusses his book "Glenn Dickey's 49ers — the Rise, the Fall and the Future of Football's Greatest Dynasty."

■ Julia Cameron, Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. The author discusses her book "The Artist's Way." Free, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-7852.

Paramount Movie Classics Summer 2000 Series —

through Sept. 22. The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music from the Wurlitzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount prize give-away game "Dec-O-Win."

■ Sept. 8: The French Connection.

■ Sept. 22: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes.

\$5. Shows at 8 p.m. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400.

Blues And Art On The Bay —

Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Featuring arts and crafts, outdoor cafes, and blues on three stages. Free. Old Oakland, Broadway to Clay Street and 10th to 8th Streets, Oakland. (415) 249-4625 or www.terryp-imisur.com

Annual Oakland Raiders Rally —

Sept. 1, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event kicks off the NFL 2000 season with team players, children's activities, vendor booths, food and live entertainment. Free. Jack London Square, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.raiders.com

UC Berkeley's Lunch Poem Reading Series Kickoff Event —

Sept. 7, 12:10 p.m. Robert Hass introduces Berkeley campus figures reading their favorite poems. Free. Morrison Room, Doe Library, Bancroft Way at College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-0137.

Internet Body Building Championships —

Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This competition crowns the "World Choice Champion" determined by a vote conducted on the World Wide Web. \$7 to \$28. Alice Center for the Performing Arts, 1428 Alice St., Oakland. (510) 547-2170.

Chabot Space And Science Center —

A state-of-the-art facility unifying all science education activities around astronomy. ONGOING EXHIBITS —

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

Thrive, don't 'Survive'

For those of you who are the most of hearing about "Survivor" will like a truncated version of the successful summer show. In this list was aimed mostly at those who come from Interactive TV and is, yes, another Top 10 Signs You're The Only One Who Hasn't Seen "Survivor."

Here's a truncated version of the list: "You seem to have a life," "You have good TV and finally," "Your IQ has risen above 100 the entire summer."

When we discussed media this week, some of that has been brought about by media saturation, and I plead guilty to the silly CBS show.

But more and more, I'm finding that by talking to people who are finding the show interesting from readers that the Nielsen findings are correct: more of us are watching less

time. We can all pretty much agree this is a good thing.

It's a conscious effort the past few years to watch less and even though I get paid to write with very few exceptions — the old PBS show, "The Sopranos" — TV is the way we know to completely

enjoy all this party because back in session — or will be — in most school districts. And if you spend a few minutes just about any teacher, I will probably tell you that

negates, even reverses, a trend we are paid to do. (Learn to read, learning to read, and acceptable behavior, etc.)

Television has moved from being primarily an educational medium into what it is today — an advertising vehicle that has its value to society

measured, one could reasonably argue that the harm TV now does to culture far exceeds any intrinsic value.

Again, ask a teacher some time if you want to see a quick visceral reaction. (My thought for years, and we still have a lot of primary-school

children.) I don't have cable — I don't get advance pre-views of shows I need to re-

view. I had a satellite dish years ago, but it was disconnected. I am not going to either join or endorse

any TV, even though I occasionally watch what I see on it. But I'm tired of personal

experience something many of you have — the less TV I watch (especially in its disrespectful

today), generally, the more quality of one's life improves.

The reason for the pre-occupation in viewing of network TV, especially among upper-income viewers, of

the skyrocketing use of the tube at night. But, some will argue, is staring at one tube any

more staring at another? The answer is: While it's not a

question to do either in excess, at the very least, the Internet is interactive and can

be used to educational resources that can't begin to match. A

example is my recent trip to the South — I studied for sev-

eral hours about the Canadian province of Quebec on the Web, and learned

about that place and the sad history of the Acadians.

It's the easiest and most of the things in the world to turn

on when you get home, and then leave it to decompress. I can

turn it off, it's not easy to break

it — it's not for nothing the "plug-in drug." But

when I've made it a point to leave the TV off most

of the time, miraculously, I'm doing

much better, even with increased

work. My weekend reminds us

that people are getting shorter, and that TV is coming indoors

and that TV execs love this time of year — viewing levels (what

the HUT's, Homes and Televisions) start heading

upward. Instead of complaining

about TV's increasing vulgarity, violence, and trashy programming, we should do something about it

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change
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Showtimes for Friday, September 1

Alameda County

Act II & Shattuck

Center St. off Shattuck, Berkeley 943-FLM
● *An Affair of Love* (R) 12:30, 3:40, 7:00, 9:30
● *Cast a Deadly Spell* (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

Albany

3000 Albany Ave., Albany 943-FLM
● *Girl on the Swing* (R) 7:00, 9:00
● *Saving Grace* (R) 6:45, 8:45

California Theatres

On Kingside at Shattuck, Berkeley 943-FLM
● *The Art of War* (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
● *The Cell* (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
● *The Perfect Storm* (PG-13) 1:15, 3:45, 6:45, 9:20

Century 25 Union City Union Landing ★

2510 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9553
● *The Art of War* (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:55, 2:35, 3:15, 4:55, 5:10, 5:20, 7:15, 9:05, 10:00, 10:40
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
● *Bless the Child* (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:35, 9:55
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 12:10, 12:25, 2:45, 3:20, 5:15, 6:00, 7:40, 8:15, 10:05, 10:30
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
● *Johnny Suede* (R) 11:35 a.m., 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:45, 9:55, 10:30, 10:55
● *Chicken Run* (G) 11:20 a.m., 1:20
● *Coyote Ugly* (PG-13) 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 12:20 a.m., 1:30, 4:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:05
● *Dinosaur* (PG) 1:00, 5:10, 9:30
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 1:15, 4:50, 4:15, 7:25, 9:50
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 7:50, 9:40
● *Hollow Man* (R) 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15
● *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 2:15, 4:10, 5:00, 7:45, 9:35, 10:25
● *The Perfect Storm* (PG-13) 12:25, 7:00, 9:45
● *Polseron: The Movie* 2000 (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00
● *The Replacements* (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:30
● *Scary Movie* (R) 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50
● *Whipped* (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:45, 5:50, 8:50, 10:15
● *X-Men* (PG-13) 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40

Chabot Cinema

2653 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-5555
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

Elmwood

2665 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
● *Blood Simple* (R) 4:45
● *The Color of Paradise* (PG) 12:45, 7:00
● *Crocodile* (NR) 10:15
● *East is East* (R) 11:15, 5:00, 9:05
● *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* (PG-13) 3:15, 7:10
● *Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai* (R) 2:30, 9:00
● *Sunshine* (R) 2:50, 8:00

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley ★

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-1143
● *Children of Paradise* (R) 7:30

Grand Lake Theatre

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3555
● *The Art of War* (R) 1:00 a.m., 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
● *The Cell* (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
● *Hollow Man* (R) 8:00, 10:00

Jack London Cinema ★

1500 Broadway St., Oakland 433-1320
● *The Art of War* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:20
● *Bless the Child* (R) 11:00
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
● *The Cell* (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:05
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10
● *Whipped* (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:15

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward ★

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-2000
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:25, 7:25, 9:45
● *The Cell* (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:35
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:20 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 11:15 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 4:55, 7:15, 9:40, 10:05
● *The Replacements* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 11:05 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10
● *X-Men* (PG-13) 2:25, 7:20

NAZ 8 ★

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
● *Best No. 1* (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
● *Madagascar* (G) 5:00, 9:00
● *Hanana Olé Akapaka Paas Hai* (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
● *Har Ol Jo Pyar Karega* (NR) 5:00, 9:00
● *Tera Jadoo Chal Gayaa* (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1835
● *Bittersweet Motel* (NR) 8:00
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 7:00, 9:30
● *Shattuck* (R) 9:35
● *Titan A.E.* (PG) 6:00

Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 943-FLM
● *Chicken Run* (G) 4:45
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
● *Long Night's Journey into Day* (R) 7:15, 9:30
● *Saving Grace* (R) 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

Shattuck Cinemas

On Shattuck at Kingside, Berkeley 943-FLM
● *The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack* (NR) 1:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:25
● *Girl on the Bridge* (R) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:15
● *Butterfly* (R) 2:00, 7:05
● *Chicken Run* (G) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 12:50, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:20
● *Dinosaur* (PG) 1:20, 5:30, 9:50
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 1:30, 3:05, 7:25
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
● *The Tao of Steve* (R) 1:05, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:45

Silver Super Saver Cinemas Fremont 7 ★

39100 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Gateway Plaza Shopping Ctr., Fremont 505-9292
● *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle* (PG) 1:20, 5:30, 9:40
● *Big Momma's House* (PG-13) 1:00, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
● *Frequency* (PG-13) 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
● *Gladiator* (R) 1:10, 4:15, 7:40
● *Mr. Mystery & Irene* (R) 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10
● *Mission: Impossible 2* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:20
● *Road Trip* (R) 3:30, 7:50, 9:50
● *Shanghai Noon* (PG-13) 2:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

UA Berkeley 7 ★

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487
● *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
● *Bless the Child* (R) 7:25, 10:00
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 10:50 a.m., 1:30, 4:30
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20
● *The Tic Code* (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5:20, 8:00, 11:00
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 10:45 a.m., 1:45, 4:50, 7:55, 10:50
● *Whipped* (R) 11:10 a.m., 2:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:50

UA Emeryville 10 ★

6330 Chertle Ave., Emeryville 920-0107
● *The Art of War* (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
● *Bless the Child* (R) 10:45
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40
● *The Cell* (R) 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:30 a.m.
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00, 12:15 a.m.
● *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 10:55 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:40
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:30,

10:30
● *Whipped* (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:25, 3:45, 5:55, 8:10, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.

UA Hayward 6 ★

7880 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
● *The Art of War* (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
● *Bless the Child* (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 8:00, 10:20
● *Dinosaur* (PG) 11:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:00
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:40 a.m., 1:50, 4:15
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 4:15, 7:20, 9:40
● *Hollow Man* (R) 7:10, 10:00
● *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● *Whipped* (R) 12:15, 2:20, 4:40, 7:45, 9:50

UC Theatre

University Theatre between Miva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 943-FLM
● *Aimee and Jaguar* (NR) 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Central Contra Costa

Festival Walnut Creek ★

1450 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649
● *The Art of War* (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:30
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15
● *Saving Grace* (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-6000
● *The Art of War* (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:00, 7:15, 9:15
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Park Theater

3515 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
● *Saving Grace* (R) 7:00, 9:15
● *Rheem All-Stadium 4 ★*
3501 Street, Moraga 939-3411
● *The Art of War* (R) 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
● *The Cell* (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25
● *The Replacements* (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole ★

1500 Upper West Pinole Road, Pinole 430-9030
● *The Art of War* (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40
● *The Cell* (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
● *Dinosaur* (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45
● *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:00, 7:00, 10:00
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:15, 7:05, 9:55
● *Whipped* (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45

AMC 1000 Van Ness ★

1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-AMC
● *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 7:20, 9:50
● *Bless the Child* (R) 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:30
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 1:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
● *The Cell* (R) 1:05, 2:40, 4:20, 5:10, 7:15, 8:05, 10:55, 12:15 a.m.
● *Chicken Run* (G) 12:35, 2:50
● *Coyote Ugly* (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
● *Dinosaur* (PG) 12:30, 3:05, 5:15, 8:45
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 12:30, 3:05, 5:15, 8:45
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 12:55, 3:15, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25, 12:40 a.m.
● *Nutty Professor II: The Klumps* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:25
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 12:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45, 12:30 a.m.
● *The Replacements* (PG-13) 5:05, 7:55, 10:45
● *Scary Movie* (R) 9:55
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 1:10, 4:15, 7:30, 9:50
● *Whipped* (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05, 12:20 a.m.
● *X-Men* (PG-13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:30, 10:35

AMC Kabuki 8 ★

1891 Post St., San Francisco (415)922-AMC
● *The Art of War* (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:25
● *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 2:10, 5:05, 7:45
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 1:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:05
● *The End* (NR) 10:10
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 2:15, 4:55, 7:25, 9:50
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 1:45, 5:00, 7:20, 10:10
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:35
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)392-0810
● *Cecil B. DeMented* (R) 12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

Castro Theatre

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120
● *Aimee and Jaguar* (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

Clay

2261 Filmore St., San Francisco (415)392-0810
● *Girl on the Bridge* (R) 12:35, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25

Embarcadero ★

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)392-0810
● *Alice and Martin* (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
● *The Ballad of Ramblin' Jack* (NR) 2:00, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
● *The Opportunists* (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
● *Saving Grace* (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 9:50
● *The Tao of Steve* (R) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

Lumiere

1572 California St., San Francisco (415)392-0810
● *An Affair of Love* (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
● *But I'm a Cheerleader* (R) 12:40, 2:45, 5:10, 7:15, 9:30
● *Criminal Minded* (NR) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

Opera Plaza Cinemas

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)392-0810
● *Chuck & Buck* (R) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
● *Crocodile* (NR) 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
● *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
● *Sunshine* (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00

Red Vic

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)688-3994
● *American Pimp* (R) 7:15, 9:15

Roxie

3117 16th St., San Francisco (415)963-1087
● *Blossoms of Fire* (NR) 6:00, 8:00, 9:45

Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
● *The Art of War* (R) 1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:30
● *Autumn in New York* (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:50, 5:50, 8:40, 11:10
● *Bless the Child* (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:40, 10:40
● *Bringing It On* (PG-13) 1:20, 4:00, 7:10, 9:50
● *The Cell* (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 8:00, 10:50
● *Coyote Ugly* (PG-13) 12:20, 3:00, 6:10, 8:50, 11:20
● *The Crew* (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 3:50, 6:20, 9:10, 11:30
● *Godzilla 2000* (PG) 11:10 a.m., 1:50
● *Highlander: Endgame* (R) 11:00 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20, 11:40
● *Hollow Man* (R) 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
● *The Original Kings of Comedy* (R) 12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:30
● *The Replacements* (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 2:30, 5:20, 8:20, 11:15
● *Space Cowboys* (PG-13) 11:50 a.m., 3:10, 6:40, 10:00
● *What Lies Beneath* (PG-13) 12:40, 3:45, 7:05, 10:05
● *Whipped* (R) 1:10, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
● *X-Men* (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:40, 5:15, 8:10, 11:05, 12:00 a.m.

Sony Metreon IMAX

— M. Pols. (PG-13) crude sexual humor and language. 1 hour, 54 minutes. C+

"SAVING GRACE": A light, hilarious English comedy to wash away the ill effects of summer blockbusters. Twice Oscar-nominated Brenda Blethyn ("Secrets & Lies," "Little Voice") leads a seamless cast of character actors. She plays Grace Trevelyan, whose philandering husband has died and left her with a mountain of debt. Looking for a way to pay it off, the genteel Grace utilizes her natural talent for gardening and sets up a marijuana farm in her greenhouse. Her partner in crime is her gardener, Martin, played with considerable hangdog charm by Craig Ferguson, who also cowrote this gem. In the tradition of "Waking Ned Devine," "Saving Grace" takes part of its strength and charm from its setting, a seaside village in Cornwall where everybody definitely knows everybody's name. Easy to see why this chamber scooped up the Audience Appreciation award at Sundance 2000. — M. Pols. (R; drug content and language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A-

"SPACE COWBOYS": OK, so it's not actually "The Golden Girls in Outer Space" but it sure seems like it. Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this amiable but silly comedy-drama about four retired Air Force pilots (Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, James Garner and Donald Sutherland) called into action to help NASA with a problematic — and an antiquated — Russian satellite. After a month of training, they're off in the space shuttle to save the day. With four such fine actors, this ought to have been better, but it doesn't quite make it. For one thing, the incessant jokes about heart attacks, poor eyesight and dentures wear thin. Then there's the credibility of the story. Does NASA really send astronauts into space without telling them

the truth about their dangerous assignments? — M. Pols. (PG-13; brief nudity.) 2 hours. C

"STEAL THIS MOVIE!": It's the Abbie Hoffman story, and it takes turns being as exhilarating and as exasperating as its subject was. Vincent D'Onofrio is outstanding as the founder of the Yippie movement and Janeane Garofalo does well in the thankless role of his much-loved but deserted wife, Anita. Filled with well-executed flashbacks to the late '60s and early '70s, with real footage spliced in of events, including rioting at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, Nice acting all around, including excellent supporting characters such as Donal Logue and Troy Garrity (playing his own father, Tom Hayden). But the film never quite succeeds as it should have. — M. Pols. (R; violence, brief nudity, drug content and language.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B-

"THE TAO OF STEVE": It's being sold as a men's movie, in which a strangely staid fat guy (Donal Logue) explains how the Tao of Steve (McQueen, Garrett, Austin) helps him bag the babes. But in first-time director Jenniagh Goodman's hands, it's actually just a chick flick, a fat-boy-meets-skinny-girl movie. After all his years of philandering, Logue's character, Dex, is irresistibly drawn to stage designer Syd (Greer Goodman, the director's sister) and so the despicable, callous cycle of Steve will be righteously smitten by women power. Yeah, right. Sorry, girls, the mysteries of men aren't solved here. Still, the smart dialogue and hugely appealing Logue make this indie flick worth watching. — M. Pols. (R; language and drug use.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. B-

"THE WOMAN CHASER": From way out of nowhere comes this kooky little independent feature that should warm the heart of any true movie buff. Set in Hollywood in the '60s, this film-noir spoof, adapted from a Charles Willeford novel, stars Patrick Warburton as a crooked used car salesman who decides to write and direct a movie about a renegade child-killing truck driver. Made for a reported \$800,000, "The Woman Chaser" is thoroughly aware of its cheesiness, and makes the most of it. — B. Strauss. (NR; nudity, language, sex.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B+

MUSEUM

The UC Berkeley Phoebe Hearst Museum Of Anthropology is now featuring the following exhibit.

"Modern Treasures from Ancient Iran," through Oct. 29. This exhibit explores nomadic and town life in ancient and modern Iran as illustrated in bronze and pottery vessels, and textiles.

Fees: \$2 general; \$1 seniors; \$0.50 children age 17 and under; free on Thursdays. Hours: Wednesday, Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Kroeber Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 643-7648.

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Movie picks

Movie reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"Bless the Child" (R)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"Bring It On" (PG-13)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"Cecil B. DeMented" (R)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"The Cell" (R)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"The Crew" (PG-13)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"Godzilla 2000" (PG)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"Nifty Professor II" (PG-13)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"Original Kings ..." (R)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"The Replacements" (PG-13)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
"Space Cowboys" (PG-13)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

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■ "Our Place in the Universe," ongoing. A walking tour of the universe using 3-D technologies and featuring the Hologlobe, on permanent loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

■ "Planetary Landscapes: Sculpting the Solar System," ongoing. Wander through a room of swirling atmospheres, bubbling calderas, and a sea of clouds in this exhibit of interactive sculptures by artist Ned Kahn.

■ "Astronomy In California 1850-1950: Telescope Makers, Telescopes, and Artifacts," ongoing. Explore California's astronomical history through a display of telescopes, artifacts, and the histories of their makers, on loan from the Smithsonian Institution.

■ "The Origin and Meaning of Meteorites," ongoing. A mural by artists Joy Day and B.E. Johnson, accompanied by a case of meteorite samples.

■ "Visions of the Universe," ongoing. An exhibit of astronomical paintings by Joe Tuccione, accompanied by images from the Hubble Space Telescope and the Anglo Australian Ob-

servatory.

■ "International Space Station HAB-LAB," ongoing. Walk through a full-sized depiction of the International Space Station's laboratory and living modules.

PLANETARIUM — Featuring one of the most advanced star projectors in the world. Call for prices and times.

■ "The Soul of Night."

■ TIEN MEGADOME SCIENCE THE-ATER — A 70-foot dome-screen auditorium. Call for prices and times.

■ "To Be An Astronaut."

■ "Amazing Journeys."

OBSERVATORY COMPLEX — Explore the night sky with refractor telescopes. Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.

\$8 general; \$5 seniors; \$5.50 children; free children under age 3; \$4 parking. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland (510) 530-3480 or www.chabot-space.org

Lawrence Hall Of Science —

■ "Experiment Gallery," closing Sept. 10. Step inside a giant laboratory and experiment with concepts surrounding sound, light, mechanics, electricity, and weather.

■ "Math Rules!" ongoing exhibit. A

math exhibit of hands-on problem-solving stations, each with a different mathematical challenge. Make mathematical ice-cream cones, use blocks to build three dimensional structures, make dodecahedron pies from a variety of mathematical shapes and stretch mathematical thinking.

■ "Within the Human Brain," ongoing installation. Visitors test their cranial nerves, play skeeball, master mazes, match musical tones, and construct stories inside a simulated "rat cage" of learning experiments.

■ "Laser: The Light Fantastic," ongoing exhibit. Make a laser light show, work a supermarket-style laser, examine holograms and stop a laser beam barehanded.

■ "1492: Two Worlds of Science," ongoing exhibit. Explore European and Native American science and technology at the time of Columbus's voyage, through activities with number systems, navigation tools, map making, computer games and a replica of the rocking deck of the Nina.

FAMILY WORKSHOPS — Registration is required and each child must be accompanied by an adult. (510) 642-5134

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Coulter

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she says. She rarely works from an outline.

"I really don't know what I'm going to write when I come down the stairs every day," she says. "I just sit down and start writing."

How does she finish a book in the time it takes most of us to make a list of things to do? The secret of her success, she says, is old-fashioned discipline.

"You can have all the talent in the world, and if you don't sit down and work, it's not going to magically appear," she says. "I write from 7:30 to 11 every morning. My life is extraordinarily structured — any hour of the day, anyone who knows me will know exactly what I'm doing."

Coulter's day actually starts around 6:30, when she takes an hour to read her fan mail. She has a full-time assistant who helps her with research and other tasks, but Coulter says she answers all letters and e-mails herself.

Branching out

Her fan base has changed since she branched out into suspense novels. "I'm up to about 30 percent men now," she says. "Romances are girls' books. Ninety-five percent of those readers are women because women love relationships. Guys don't — say the 'R' word, and they run the other way! Their fantasies are just different from ours."

Coulter grew up reading the romance novels of Georgette Heyer, who is still one of her all-time favorite authors. She's always been an avid reader. These days, she likes Dick Francis, Jonathan Kellerman and J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books. She traces the start of her own career to an experience in the '70s. While reading a book, she explains, she suddenly thought, "I can do better than that," threw the book across the room and started writing

in earnest.

At the time, Coulter and Pogony were living in New York. He was a medical student, and she was working as a speechwriter for a Wall Street insurance firm. She had recently earned a master's degree in early 19th-century European history from Boston College, and decided to try her hand at the Regency romance genre pioneered by Heyer.

Following "The Autumn Countess," she wrote six more Regency romances. In 1982, she published her first long historical romance, "Devil's Embrace." When Pogony started a residency at UCSF, they moved to Marin County. She quit her job and has been writing full time ever since.

Although Coulter is quick to point out the distinctions between various genres — Regency romance, historical romance, romantic suspense and suspense thriller — she says that even her most contemporary novels incorporate elements of romantic fiction.

"A book cannot be called a romance unless, at its core, the focus is on the relationship between a man and a woman," she says. "In the suspense thrillers, the core is unraveling the mysteries and trying not to get killed in the process. But you can have anything you want around the edges. You can always have two people getting together. And I normally do, because I like to have men and women working together in all of them."

"Riptide" is the fifth book in what Coulter calls her "FBI series." The series began in 1996 with "The Cove," and continued with "The Maze," "The Target" and "The Edge."

'S and S' return

The new book features a new protagonist, political speechwriter Rebecca Matlock, who finds herself on the run from a stalker and the authorities who suspect her role in a crime she didn't commit. And Coulter manages to get Rebecca involved in a love affair with hunky Adam Car-

ruthers, the agent assigned to protect her.

The book also brings back two favorite Coulter characters, husband-and-wife FBI agents Dillon and Lacy "Sherlock" Savich. "My fans call them 'S and S,'" she says. "They're the glue that binds the series together, and people seem to think they're wonderful."

Coulter tries to make the stories as detailed as she can, and says she spends a lot of time researching settings, police procedures, gun specifications and other particulars.

"If I need a police precinct in Chicago or Boston, I simply call," she says. "It's best if you get a woman, because a woman will know how much dirt there is on that linoleum floor. She'll know that the petunias are dying in the flower box outside the precinct. Men don't tend to see all that stuff."

Beyond that, she says, the characters are always the most important element. "You've got to really like the characters. I think I could write a phone book and if I make you like the characters, you will enjoy yourself."

Coulter is currently reading up on the art world for her next novel, a story of high-stakes art fraud featuring Dillon Savich's younger sister. "It's just a glimmer of an idea at this point," she says. "Her name is Dailey and she's from Chicago. Beyond that, I'm not sure yet."

Not the 'angst queen'

She's the star of one thing, though. The story, wherever it leads, will hold the reader's interest.

"Basically, what people want are characters involved in a rip-roaring good story," she says. "I want to entertain, and you know when you read me that the book's going to end well. I'm not the angst queen; if you want to be bummed out, watch the 6 o'clock news. I'm not going to do that to you. I want to entertain you and I want to have you smile when you finish the book. Because that's the kind of book I like to read myself."

Turrentine

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CTI albums, is particularly noteworthy. In recent years, health problems have diminished Hubbard's once prolific recording career, while his rare concert appearances have been marked by erratic performances.

"I spent a few weeks in Europe playing to get ready for this," Hubbard said from his Los Angeles home. "I'm getting ready to come back."

While Hubbard and Turrentine both attained widespread fame with CTI in the '70s, the saxophonist paid considerably more dues early in his career. By the age of 16, Turrentine was on the road with bluesman Lowell Fulson in a band that included an unknown Georgia-born pianist named Ray Charles. "We headed straight down South, and in those years with Jim Crow, it was about survival," Turrentine said. "I'm talking literally your life was always on the line, merely to play music, because of the laws and the attitudes and the people."

Turrentine gained his first national attention in 1959 when drummer Max Roach recruited both Turrentine and his older brother, trumpeter Tommy Turrentine, into his band. It was a recording date with Jimmy Smith, however, that launched the saxophonist's solo career. They had been jam-session buddies back in Pittsburgh, and in 1960, the organist invited Turrentine into the studio. The resulting session with guitarist Kenny Burrell and drummer Donald Bailey produced two albums for Blue Note, "Midnight Special" and "Back at the Chicken Shack," deeply funky blues-drenched records widely regarded as definitive examples of soul jazz.

The session also brought him to the attention of Blue Note owner Alfred Lion, who quickly signed him

to the label. The fruitful relationship produced about two dozen albums through the '60s, though Turrentine also found time to record a classic session on Impulse! with his then-wife, Shirley Scott, "Let It Go." Over the years, Turrentine has continued to refine his sound. And no matter the setting, his irrepressible soulfulness has cut through, connecting him

with his audience.

"I've just been fortunate that I've got a following that likes what I play," he says. "That's the simple truth. I've been very fortunate and blessed to be able to work, often at the best places around the world. I'm not trying to analyze what I do. I don't know what I might do on stage. I just try to have fun."

Friar

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fans of Spiritualized's more dreamy, drugged-out stuff.

Wuss factor: 8 out of 10.

■ "Little Black Numbers" (CAW), Kathryn Williams. Belongs on the CD rack right next to Belle & Sebastian. Hushed, gentle and terribly sad acoustic melodies. This one's up for the UK's coveted Mercury Prize. Available as an import only.

Wuss factor: 9 out of 10.

■ "Puzzle" (Minty Fresh), Tahiti 80. So intensely wussy, there's actually a song about how intimidated the singer is by Ray Davies of the Kinks. Plus, they're French. I mean, come on. They play the Cellar at Johnny Foley's in San Francisco on Sept. 2. (See the album review on Page 23.)

Wuss factor: 11 out of 10.

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

LGBO Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers "eight" Support Groups for Mothers, sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lhall@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education, drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 846-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

Albany YMCA is hiring staff for After-school programs in Berkeley and Albany for After-school programs in Berkeley and Albany. Site coordinator, recreation coordinator. Complete an application or send fax resume to Albany YWCA 921 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Fax 525-1769.

Point Richmond's Our Lady of Mercy Church, 301 West Richmond Ave., holds its annual summer barbecue on "Sunday, Sept. 3, from noon to 4 p.m. in the parish hall. The event is a Jubilee Year 2000 celebration, all proceeds will be used to purchase a new stove for the parish hall. Activities include entertainment and a raffle. Dinner includes a New York steak. Cost: \$15 for adults; tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 232-1834.

The UC Forest Products Laboratory's open house takes place on Thursday, Sept. 7, 1-4 p.m. at the University of California Forest Products Laboratory, 1301 S. 46th St., Richmond.

The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts is alive and buzzing with vibrant new programs and quality local theatre. Celebrate the JMCA's new presence at its Open House on Saturday, Sept. 9, 4-7 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2540 College Ave. Enjoy food and drink from Elmwood restaurants and shops, see talented local performers, win raffle prizes and tour the architecturally stunning home. For additional information, and to RSVP, call 845-8542 ext. 379.

"Hecho en Califas," La Pena Cultural Center's week-long series is Wednesday Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept. 24. The series mixes several genres: spoken word, performance, live music etc. For additional information, call 849-2568 ext. 15 for additional information.

Program for Adult College Education (PACE) is open at Vista Community College through Saturday, Sept. 9. PACE is a college alternative for adults with job and family responsibilities. The program allows them to finish their freshman and sophomore years in 2-1/2 to three years, then transfer to a four-year college to complete their bachelor's degree. Counseling, financial aid, career planning, and library services are available to all PACE students. Phone 981-2880 for information about enrollment.

The San Pablo Neighborhood Council, Berkeley's oldest and historic neighborhood association, celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at San Pablo Park, Oregon and Ward Streets. There will be

games for children, vendors, food and drink, softball, basketball and tennis tournaments, live entertainment, talent show, and recognition of the founders. City Service information booth will be available. Volunteers are still welcomed. For additional information, call 845-4951.

The North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way, presents a Golden Age Party, honoring seniors over 90 years old. The center is a non-profit senior citizen center dedicated to serving the Berkeley community. For more information, call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spiral screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

Berkeley Hgashi Honganji Church, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Autumn Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Teriyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more). Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15

p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

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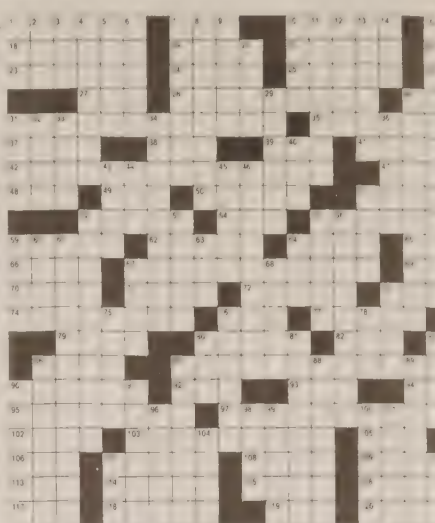
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The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

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Exhibits

The Press House Gallery at Buena Vista

Winery presents an exhibition of recent paintings by Berkeley artist Donna Dugway, on Sept. 8 through Oct. 15. A reception for the artist is Sunday, Sept. 10, 1-4 p.m. Dugway's work can also be seen at the Collectors Gallery of the Oakland Museum. The Press House Gallery is located at the Buena Vista Winery in Sonoma at the end of old Winery Road. The exhibition and reception are free. Gallery hours 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information is available by calling the artist at 595-7510.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7-50 residents, \$9-38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Jude at 215-4371.

Rick Schiller "Black and White Portraits," exhibit opens Friday, Sept. 1 and continues through Sept. 31, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The exhibit is at the Berkeley Bowl, 2020 Oregon St

"Ceramics Today: A Survey, 1945 and Beyond," an all outdoor show of contemporary ceramic sculpture by Northern California artists opens today, Sept. 2 and continues through Oct. 8 at A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Geary St. A reception for the artists will be 3-5 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, visit the Web site: www.a-newleafgallery.com

Turn of the Century Fine Arts 2510 S. Pablo Ave., presents the exhibit "The Summer Salon," through Sept. 30. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, furniture, clocks and objects d'art by twelve concurring artists. Gallery hours: Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 849-6010 or 800-849-6059 for additional information.

"Matrix 185 into the Sun," an online exhibit by Los Angeles-based artist Doug Arken, continues through Sept. 3, at the UC Berkeley Art Museum. Public Film Archive. 2625 Durant Ave. programs are held in the new PFA Theater, Bancroft Way at Bowditch. For additional information, call 642-1124

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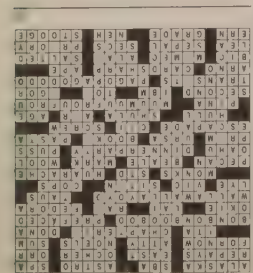
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"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy, grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center at Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.ball.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four times, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

The Women's Cancer Resource Center presents "What's Cancer Got to Do With It?" on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6-8:30 p.m. at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Find out what your legal rights are in employment and medical insurance, even if you have a history of cancer or are in the midst of cancer treatment. Topics include the ADA and COBRA. The free legal workshop is presented by Plaintiff's Employment Law Attorney Janis Eggleston, ERISA attorney Janet Brown and Dan Hersh, Health Insurance Specialist with Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). To pre-register or for more information, call Catherine Porter, WCRRC Legal Services Coordinator, at 548-9286, ext. 303.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different

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Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world using Windows 95 and 98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint. Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.ccocoe.k12.ca.us/roo.

"What is Meditation?" is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragma Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Theater, Dance & Film

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., begins its 33rd season with Carlo Gozzi's fairy tale "The Green Bird (1765)," in a new adaptation by Theatre de la Jeune Lune. The play opens Sept. 13 and closes Oct. 27. Previews are Sept. 9. Directed by Dominique Serand, the production combines the theatrical style of commedia dell'arte with the formal conventions of Kabuki. Tickets are priced between \$20.25 and \$51. The theatre is accessible to the handicapped. For information or to charge tickets by phone with VISA, MasterCard or Discover, call the office at 845-4700 or toll free at 888-487TIX. Additional information and on line ticketing are available at www.berkeleyrep.org.

Family Folkdancing takes place on the third Sundays, 1-2:30 p.m. at Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave. Instructor: Denise Schultz Weiss. Bring your feet and a spirit of fun. No experience necessary. An opportunity for families to dance and laugh together. Drop in for good fun and exercise. All ages welcome. Drop-in class, no registration needed. Adults \$3, children \$2. Call 632-3713 for additional information.

The Masquers Playhouse of Point Richmond presents "The Fridays" by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, on Friday and Saturday through Sept. 30, 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are on Sept. 10, 17, and 24, 2:30 p.m. The play is one of England's all-time great comedies. Tickets: \$10.

For reservations, call 222-4091. **Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio,

2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

Classes

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Elliot St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalanjali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community

center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591, \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmthompson@hot-mail.co.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experienced fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including youth tot tumbling, rompergym, aerobics, tiny dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Mann avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application. **Lawrence Hall of Science (LHS)**, the

public science center at UC Berkeley is looking for volunteers who wish to learn more about science and science education, meet new friends, and help children and families enjoy science. Volunteers need not have a science background but should have a desire to learn and enjoy working in a dynamic, people-friendly environment. Orientation session begins Thursday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and weekend volunteers on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information or to receive an application form, call 643-5471.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County, needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention for its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required, excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for additional information.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three-month period. Solid internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6933.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to three hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9286 ext. 309 for an application interview and more information.

Parental Stress Service, Inc. seeks volunteers to serve as Telephone Helpline Counselors. The agency offers supportive counseling to families who need help. To learn more about volunteer opportunities call 893-9030.

Volunteer at the Crucible, 9259 Shattuck Ave., needs new volunteers to help in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, education and community. Call 843-5511 or email cable@jps.net for more information on how to get involved.

There is an immediate need for Help Delivering Meal volunteers at the "House" Senior Center to deliver meals to the homebound in Alameda, El Cerrito, and Richmond. For more information, call 215-4342.

Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy activist organization aimed to ensure that the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301, for additional information.

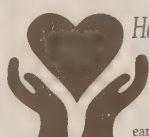
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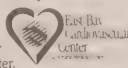
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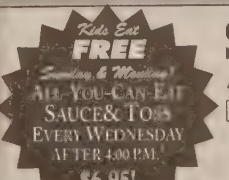
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- "Backpacking the Southwest," Sept. 28, 7 p.m. A slide presentation by author Marisa Gierlich-Burgin.

Free unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-4140.

A.C.C.I. Gallery —

- "Paperworks," Sept. 1 through Oct. 7. A group exhibit of works by Carol Brighton, Vannie Keightley, Jean Hearst.
- Opening Reception, Sept. 1, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Free. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

Berkeley Art Center —

- "Ethnic Notions: Black Images in the White Mind," Sept. 10 through Nov. 12. An exhibit by Janette Faulkner exploring racial stereotypes in commercial imagery.
- Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. (510) 644-6893.

California College Of Arts And Crafts —

- "Add/Drop/Add: CCAC Fine Arts Faculty Exhibitions," Sept. 5 through Sept. 16.
- Opening Reception, Sept. 5 and Sept. 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Free. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Art Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 551-9210 or (510) 594-3712.

Chi Gallery —

- "Alegres Cantos en Mi Ser (Songs of Joy in My Being)," through Sept. 30. An exhibit of paintings depicting scenes of Afro-cuban music, by Susan Mathews.
- Reception, Sept. 9, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912-A Clay St., Oakland. (510) 832-4244.

Creative Growth —

- "Indelible Ink," closing Sept. 1. Selections from the Creative Growth Permanent Collection and new works.
- Free. Monday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (510) 836-2340.

Kala Institute —

- "Layerings: New Work by Four Kala Fellows," through Sept. 28. The 2000 Kala Art Institute Fellowship Awards Exhibitions, Part II of works by Margaret M. Kessler, Barbara Milman, Michele Muennig, and David Politzer.
- Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-2977.

Laney College Art Gallery —

- "Hem...on the Edge," through Sept. 28. A collaborative exhibit of fashion as art.
- Reception, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Fashion Show, Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m.
- Fashion Accessories Sale, Sept. 14, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Free. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 900 Fallon St., Oakland. (510) 464-3586.

New Pieces Gallery —

- "ActaArca/New Zealand Golden Bay Dreaming," Sept. 1 through Sept. 28. An exhibit of quilts by Liza Eastman.
- "Earth Air Wind Fire," Sept. 1 through Sept. 28. An exhibit of dolls by Loree Lee Harper.
- Free. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-6779.

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- "Idora Park: Oakland's Greatest Amusement Park, 1903-1929," through Sept. 30. An exhibit featuring historical photographs, postcards, newspaper clippings, and programs of "Oakland's Million Dollar Summer Garden."
- Free. Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m. Oakland History Room, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222.

Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery —

- "Recent works by Franklin Williams," Sept. 5 through Sept. 30. This exhibit examines his signature style, interweaving a variety of sexual themes, emotions, and figures that recur, and the relationship between language and image, word and object.
- Artist Reception, Sept. 9, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- "Recent works by Ralph Ackerman and Patricia Freed Ackerman," closing Sept. 2. An exhibit of installations, film, and photography.
- Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 942 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 625-1350.

Richmond Art Center —

MAIN GALLERY —

- "Hecho En Califas: The Last Decade 1990-99," Sept. 2 through Nov. 11. A group exhibit of works by 31 California Latino, Chicano and indigenous artists.

SOUTH GALLERY —

- Livia Stein, Sept. 2 through Nov. 11. A solo exhibit of works.

WEST GALLERY —

- "Raymond L. Haywood/Olio Negro Design Works," Sept. 2 through Nov. 11. A solo exhibit of works.

COMMUNITY GALLERY —

- "Sharing Our Stories," Sept. 2 through Nov. 11. An exhibit of artwork by the ART10 teen residency program.
- "Shades of Richmond," Sept. 2 through Nov. 11. An exhibit of 50 years of family photos.
- "Quietly Reborn," Sept. 2 through Nov. 11. An exhibit of photographic prints, artwork and essays by Bay Area Lu Mien American youth.
- "With A Song and A Dance," Sept.

2 through Nov. 11. An exhibit of photographic prints featuring five music and dance traditions of the East Bay Artist Reception, Sept. 16, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT —

- "La Independencia De Son," Sept. 16, 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A celebration of Mexican dance, music and poetry.
- Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Civic Center Plaza, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond. (510) 620-6772

Royal Ground Gallery —

- "The Magic of Eight," through Oct. 29. An exhibit of painting, collage, mixed media, photography and sculpture.
- Reception, Sept. 6, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Free. Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

Traywick Gallery —

- "Blue Vinyl," Sept. 9 through Oct. 15. An exhibit of iris prints and a sound installation by Connie Walsh.
- Charles LaBelle, Sept. 9 through Oct. 15. An exhibit of new work.
- Artist Reception, Sept. 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1316 10th St., Berkeley. (510) 527-1214.

Crab Cove Visitor Center —

- "Marine Reserve Exploration," Sept. 2 and Sept. 3, 11 a.m. Explore along the bay.

Calendar

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Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-In Center needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at the Center. Other on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-6933.

Leah McIntosh Senior Outreach Services Community Volunteers for the Elderly, 402 Harbour Way, Ste. 105, in Richmond, needs Senior Errand and Escort Volunteers. During the winter months volunteer drivers are especially needed. Volunteer Drivers escort seniors to and from medical appointments. Training is provided. Call 237-7887 for additional information.

La Pena Cultural Center needs volunteers with technical sound skills. The commitment is two programs per month. Call Kahili 849-2568, ext. 11 for more information.

The Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program is currently accepting volunteer applications for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA volunteers work with the court to advocate the best interest of abused/neglected children in the Alameda County System. To receive an application and information call 268-7297. No previous experience is required. Volunteers for teens, ages 14 and up urgently needed.

- "Coffee With Crabs," Sept. 2, 9 a.m. Visit the mudflat, then go indoors to examine aquarium creatures and sip coffee. Registration required.
- "Toddler Adventures," Sept. 3, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24, 10 a.m. Outdoor exploration, crafts, songs and stories. Registration required. \$3.
- "Labor Day Festivities," Sept. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fun activities including a scavenger hunt, nature games, and more. Parking \$4.
- "Sea Squirts," Sept. 5 and Sept. 12, 10 a.m. A program on Autumn Trees for age 3 to 5 years. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.
- "Evening Concert at the Cove," Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m. Featuring Tee Fee.
- "Sea Squirts," Sept. 9, 4 p.m. A program on Acorns to Oaks for age 3 to 5 years. Registration required. \$5 to \$7.
- "A Whale of a Program," Sept. 10, 2 p.m. Learn the characteristics of different whales. Registration required. \$2.
- "Pond Exploration," Sept. 30, 1 p.m. Explore a little piece of wilderness. Free unless otherwise noted. 1252 McKay Ave., Alameda. (510) 521-6887.

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SPECIAL EVENT —

- Caribbean Rhythms, Sept. 3, noon to 3 p.m. The steel drum band performs an End of the Summer concert to wrap up the 2000 Family Sunday Series.

DOCK-LED MANSION TOUR — through September: Wednesday, 11 a.m. and noon. Learn the stories of the families that built and lived in the mansion over the last century as well as receive an introduction to the surrounding historic landscape. Meet at the Dinkelspiel House near the main entrance of the estate.

FAMILY SUNDAYS — through September: First Sunday of the month, noon to 3 p.m. Programs include a Self-Guided Tree Treasure Hunt, Dock-LED Mansion Tour, entertainment, and family activities.

ROUNDS — through October. The gardens and grounds of the mansion are open to the public. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free.

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Holt Planetarium — Programs are recommended for age 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted.

- "How Big Is the Universe," through Sept. 3. Learn about various ways to determine distances. Through Sept.

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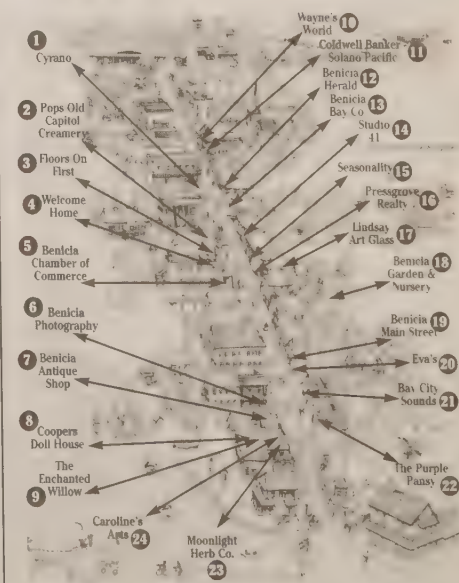
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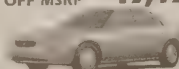


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Best Bakery _____

Best Breakfast _____

Best Place To Sample A Microbrew _____

Best Chinese Food _____

Best Place For Lingering Over A Latte _____

Best Deli _____

Most Decadent Desserts _____

Best French Cuisine _____

Best Italian Cuisine _____

Best Japanese/Sushi Cuisine _____

Best Mexican Cuisine _____

Best Pizza _____

Best Restaurant For Kids _____

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Most Lavish Sunday Brunch _____

Best Wining With Your Dining _____

Best Hamburger _____

Best Place To Tee Off _____

Best Place To Work Up A Sweat _____

Best Outdoor Activity _____

Best Place To Shoot Billiards _____

Best Swimming Hole _____

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■ Grateful Dead DJ Nite with Digital Dave, Sept. 7, 10 p.m. \$5.

■ Fancha, Sept. 8, 9:30 p.m. \$11.

■ Tom Rigney and Flambeau, Sept. 9,

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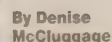
Auto Directory Best places to go to shop for new cars [D5]

By Connie Keane

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REAR-WHEEL DRIVE and no manual transmission? Lexus produces a vehicle with room to grow.



1. You decide to leave your jacket in the car, and rather than leave anything visible, you pop the trunk. The last thing you do is neatly place your jacket in it. Then as the trunk lid reaches that irreversible moment on its way down, you realize the car keys are in the jacket pocket.

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Check vacuum lines for recurring stalling problems

Dear Doctor: I own a 1988 Honda Accord with 173,000 miles. It has been a good car over the years. I had the transmission replaced last year. My problem is I have to let the engine run for five minutes whether it is hot or cold, or else it will stall out when I put it in gear. What do you suggest? Tamara

Dear Tamara: You did not mention the model you own. The LXi is fuel-injected, while the EX and DX have a carburetor.

The problem is either a lean fuel condition, or the transmission is putting too much drag on the engine, causing the stalling condition.

You need to take the car into a shop and let the technician remove the air filter assembly and check for any loose vacuum lines. Even a partly open EGR valve can cause this problem.

Dear Doctor: I am trying to find a 160-degree thermostat for my 1994 Ford Ranger 4.0-liter V6 engine. Can you help? Robert

Dear Robert: Check with all the local auto parts stores in your area, as well as speed shops.

I came up with 160-degree Beck Arnley #143-5689. There is also a 180-degree available.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1982 Lincoln Mark VII with air suspension. The suspension is worn out and very costly to replace. I want to know if there is any way to convert the air suspension over to a conventional system. Al

Dear Al: Yes, there is a company that sells a conversion to no-air ride for some Lincoln models.

I have installed this conversion on one Mark model.

The amount of labor and price of the suspension to swap over equates to that of replacing the air bag suspension on your car.

I would stay with the original air system.

Dear Doctor: I inherited my mother-in-law's 1980 Chevrolet Monte Carlo V6 with 30,700 miles.

The car has not been driven in the last two years. The engine has a rough idle and lacks power. I took it to a local tune-up shop.

The technician pulled out the plugs and said one was soaked with oil. He said a piston ring must be broken or stuck, causing oil to foul the spark plug.

The estimate of repair is \$2,500 to rebuild the engine. How could this problem occur on an engine with such low mileage? Jerome

Dear Jerome: This is a common problem with engines that are not run for long periods with proper storage procedures.

The piston rings will gum up and stick, and the cylinder walls will sometimes rust up from moisture.

Seasonal watercraft, outdoor equipment and classic cars need to be winterized before putting them

away for their six-month rest.

Any good parts or marine store has the proper engine-fogging products for long-time protection.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1987 Buick Century with 103,000 miles, and it has served me well over the years.

I am going to be 65 years old soon and would like to buy a replacement car. My thoughts are another Century.

What would be a good year from 1995 or newer? Gerry

Dear Gerry: Buy a two-year-old or newer Century. There are many services on the Internet to find car pricing.

In some cases, model year-end closeouts could be a great deal. There are incentives and rebates on close-out models.

Check with a couple of dealers for pricing. If you are not trading in the 1987, you could even price-shop over the phone.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1994 Lincoln Continental with 65,000 miles. At 51,000 miles, and then again at 61,000 miles, the head gaskets failed.

Lincoln has paid for the repair and extended the warranty till year's end.

How can I help prevent this failure in the future? Milton

Dear Milton: This 3.8-liter V6 engine has had multiple head gasket and head failures.

Ford Motor Company has helped a small percentage of owners like you. I would like to see Ford take care of the owners of all these problem engines.

The only thing you can do to eliminate future cylinder head gasket problems is to trade the car in for another model.

If you go back to the Lincoln dealer, have them ask Ford for some financial assistance.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 GMC Sonoma pickup 4.3-liter Vortec engine with 60,000 miles.

Recently, it developed what I call a "spark knock." I switched from 87- to 89-octane gasoline. After several fill-ups the noise is still present. My next step is 93 octane.

The truck has never had a lot of power, even though it is the Vortec V6. What are your thoughts? Richard

Dear Richard: The Vortec V6 should have plenty of power. It should also run fine on 87 octane. Your truck is a 1996 model with On-Board diagnostics II.

This is a very fast and efficient computer. I would have the shop scan the computer and view all the sensors. A gas ping or knock on your truck is not normal.

There could be a small piece of carbon buildup in the combustion chamber, a lazy thermostat, or a weak cooling fan.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra 3.3-liter

Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

V6 that did not pass our state emission test. It failed for high NOX. What is the problem? Harry

Dear Harry: High NOX levels are caused from high-combustion temperatures. Here are some suggestions:

1) Check for proper engine temperature and cooling fan operation. Did the shop have an electric fan blowing in front of the car?

Some engines have EGR valves that need to be checked along with the passageways.

2) Using the 93-octane gas will sometimes lower the NOX level.

3) Lastly, make certain that the catalytic converter is working properly.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Chevrolet Lumina LS with the small V6 that just hit 60,000 miles.

At what mileage does the timing belt have to be changed?

I have looked in my owner's manual without success. Bill

Dear Bill: Your car, like many other American V6's, does not have a timing belt or gears that need replacement. That is one good thing we got from GM.

Dear Doctor: I'm planning to buy a 1996 or 1997 full-size pickup half-ton, four-wheel drive extended cab with an 8-foot bed.

Which truck would you recommend? Would it be gas or diesel? I drive 12,000 to 15,000 miles a year. Rich

Dear Rich: Both Ford and GM offer a split front-axle shaft. Dodge half-ton, full-size trucks have a straight front axle.

This may be a bit more tough and it also hurts the ride. I would go with whichever truck you liked the best.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1992 Buick Century that has a problem with the left front power window. It sometimes does not work.

I need to know how to get the door panel off.

There are no instructions for this procedure in the owner's manual or shop books. Cas

Dear Cas: The door panels are usually held on with a few screws and plastic fasteners.

You need to look for all the small plastic clips that remove the window switch.

If you do not want to remove the panel yourself, go to a local body shop to have the panel removed.

There are a couple of small fork-like tools used to remove the plastic clips.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347

Car or truck, Chrysler's PT Cruiser is a smile maker

Even before Chrysler's PT Cruiser went on sale, a fan club sprang up in Washington state. That club now has 4,000 members nationally and is growing rapidly, fueled by enthusiastic e-mail messages of PT fans spreading the word.

It's not hard to see why the PT is so popular. Of the dozens of cars I drive annually, the Cruiser is the one that has evoked the most interest of passersby. Almost every place I went with the PT, strangers would approach for a closer look and ask questions about what I thought of it. That's easy to answer: The Cruiser is really a fun car to look at and to drive. My interrogators seemed to feel the same way, despite the fact they haven't driven one.

Many people must agree. About 32,000 of the vehicles with a retro design that reminds many persons of a scaled-down London taxi have been sold since late March through July 31. That figure is limited by production capacity. Chrysler's factory in Toluca, Mexico, is expected to build 120,000 to 140,000 Cruisers by year's end, so you will see many more on the road. Next year, Toluca is scheduled to build at least 180,000 PT Cruisers.

What's all the fuss about? The PT Cruiser is a vehicle that even Chrysler can't decide how to label. Neither can Uncle Sam. The Na-

tional Highway Transportation and Safety Administration says the PT is a car. The EPA calls it a truck. A fortunate designation for Chrysler because as a truck the Cruiser will help the company lower its truck CAFE (corporate average fleet economy) enormously.

Well, what is it? The Cruiser is just about anything you want a small vehicle to be. It has an enormously roomy interior for a vehicle its size. At least six PTs have been converted into taxis and are in service in Las Vegas and San Francisco. The interior also has great flexibility. In the limited version, you can fold down both front and rear seats, creating a mini camper for vacation trips, or a place to carry a large amount of cargo.

Even though the football season is in its early stages, the PT Cruiser has already made its mark as a vehicle that's ideal for tailgate parties. The PT was designed as a young person's vehicle, yet the initial buyers include many mature persons. Bryan Nesbitt, the principal exterior designer, is only 31 years old. He was largely responsible for the design of the born-again VW Beetle before he joined Chrysler.

Nesbitt's Cruiser design hints at many uses, which are only limited by your imagination. And the inaugural version is just the first of many

types of PT Cruisers that will come from the original design. Chrysler won't comment officially, but rumors emanating from company insiders hint at a four-wheel drive model that would be ideal for skiers.

Chrysler engineers are working on a new generation of Cruisers right now. Officially, their designers won't comment on the new products. But neither do they want them out. Also expected to appear in future years is a Cruiser pickup truck and perhaps a pickup.

Chrysler may have a sensation on its hands and be forced to search for more manufacturing capacity to meet demand for the PT Cruiser. Even a recent disappointing rating in a government-safety crash test does not seem to have decreased demand for the PT. The automaker does not take issue with the test, but notes that the PT missed scoring a satisfactory rating by a hair.

If there is anything negative to say about the PT, it is the lack of power. The 150 hp engine seems inadequate, especially when teamed with an automatic transmission. A manual transmission makes the engine feel more lively. In other respects the PT is an eminently satisfactory vehicle when you don't know whether to call it a car or a truck.

Keane

FROM PAGE D1

The 2001 IS 300 comes with an electronically-controlled five-speed automatic transmission. It is equipped with a Formula One-inspired E-Shift which allows the driver to shift up and down through the gears by pressing buttons on the steering wheel spokes. The skinny shifter knob is stylish in its sleek, shiny aluminum skin. Warning: the aluminum shifter has a high "ouch" factor! I drove the IS 300 for a week in August and scorched my palm a few times on hot, sunny days.

Under the hood, the IS 300 is in top form. Lexus' newest entry is powered by a 3.0-liter inline six-cylinder engine. The IS engine generates 218 hp-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm, and its horsepower rating is 215 at 5,800 rpm. The Japanese auto maker has clocked the sport sedan's performance speed from 0 to 60 mph at 7.1 seconds.

Due to its taut, aerodynamic exterior design, the IS 300 has a low 0.29 coefficient of drag, helping to keep wind noise and fuel consumption low. The IS 300 is a fine performer, moving around city streets and highways more than capably, effortlessly and quietly. In fact, the IS 300's road abilities, along with interior designing, are its best features. My \$33,530 tester has a luscious

leather and suede combination trim on the five-passenger seating positions. Getting comfortable for driving is not a task; the seat offers eight-way powered adjustments and is properly contoured in a way that a driving enthusiast recognizes as a "driver's driver seat."

A montage of sport watches is the inspiration for the IS 300's gauge cluster — which is the most creative design I've seen.

A trio of beveled, round clock faces houses information for coolant, battery level and fuel consumption. The overall effect of the design is

smart and reinforces the attitude of the sport sedan.

The body of the IS 300 has a wedge profile with very short overhangs to give what designers call condensed high-performance styling.

I have tried to like its look, but the styling of the IS 300 does not lure me. Knowing that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," I need no more.

On sale since June 23, sales figures indicate there are fans out there. In the first eight weeks, 5,127 units have been sold. Not bad for a quering new territory.

SPECIFICATIONS

LEXUS IS 300	5-passenger RWD sport sedan
VEHICLE TYPE	
BASE PRICE	\$30,500 (as tested: \$33,530)
ENGINE TYPE	DOHC in-line six-cylinder w/VVTi
DISPLACEMENT	3.0-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)	215 at 5800 rpm
TORQUE (lb.-ft.)	218 at 3800 rpm
TRANSMISSION	5-speed electronic automatic
WHEELBASE	105 in. 2667 mm
TREAD (front/rear)	60/60 in. 1524/1524 mm
OVERALL LENGTH	177 in. 4495 mm
OVERALL WIDTH	68 in. 1727 mm
HEIGHT	56 in. 1422 mm
TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)	34 ft. 10 m
CURB WEIGHT	3,270 lbs.
FUEL CAPACITY	18 gals. 66 l.
EPA MILEAGE RATING	18 city, 23 highway
ASSEMBLY PLANT	Kanji, Japan
STRONG FEATURE	Powerplant
WEAK FEATURE	Styling

Drive

FROM PAGE D1

The simplest way to eliminate the trauma of keys lost or locked in the car is to have more than one set of car keys.

This strategy pays off, particularly when you are on an outing with friends or family. Let each person have a key.

That arrangement makes matters simpler in case you get separated, say at a flea market or a ball game, or someone wants to return to the car before the others do. Extra keys buy flexibility.

Extra keys are also relatively inexpensive insurance, even with the fancy electronic keys that may cost \$100 or more to duplicate. See your car dealer.

2. Do you have a tire gauge? Well, do you use it? It's dumb not to, particularly during summer months when roadways get hellishly hot.

Under-inflated tires cause the sidewalls to flex more than usual, adding to heat buildup. The result could be catastrophic failure of a tire. Know what the recommended air pressure is for your tires?

Write it on a sticker and keep that on the inside lid of the glove compartment. Check your tires frequently (at least once a week) in the cool of the morning before driving the car.

If the carmaker and the tire maker disagree on the proper pressure, go by what's printed on the tire, not in the owner's manual. (Manufacturers might fudge the recommendation down a few pounds because vehicles ride with less jouncing on slightly soft tires.)

3. Put your hand before your eyes to block as much of your vision as possible. Now move your hand farther away, slowly, and notice how much more of the peripheral world comes into view.

If your hand were the back end of a large truck you were behind, what would be a dumb following distance to maintain?

The smart things:

1. When you park anywhere outside during the day, it's smart to use one of those folding cardboard in the windshield to keep the direct sun off the top of the dash and help maintain its health longer.

The sun protector might lessen the temperature in the car a little. (Being really smart about solar means choosing a light-colored car to begin with.)

Of course, the smart ones know that if they couldn't leave a chocolate bar in the car without turning it to soup, they wouldn't leave a person or an animal in that car, however many windows are lowered a hand's width.

2. It's smart to keep in your car (in the

glove compartment or on the sun visor) a 3x5 index card that's a quick-reference to information you might one day have to know quickly — and at a time when your mind might not be at its peak function.

For instance, the card might have your insurance agent's name and phone number and your policy number.

Your medical insurance numbers and associated significant phone numbers are another smart addition. And include the name, number and identity of anyone who should be informed if something untoward happened to you.

Maybe you just suffer a knock on the noggin, but then the simplest things can disappear into fuzz.

3. Ever get involved in that which-side-is-the-gas-filler-on game? Next time you are in a stationery store, buy some of those stickers shaped like little red arrows.

Put one pointing to the tank side on the instrument panel of your family cars. Take some of the arrows with you to use in rental cars.

4. If you leave anything in a vehicle that would be visible from the outside (a trip-lodger car at a lunch stop, for instance), cover it as smoothly as possible with a matte-black piece of fabric (such as felt).

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Acura introduces 2001 MDX sport utility vehicle

point for the new king of the SUV is a rhino.

ers for the 2001 Acura MDX say their new hybrid SUV around rhinoceros — broad shoulders, strong muscles and a powerful

MDX looks it, too. There's a stylish, subtle silhouette, a sturdy stance, and the impression of a small metallic horn in the center of MDX's sharply chiseled

er, it's the innovations inside that make previous top cats like Lexus, Mercedes ML320, and BMW X5 sit in a different notice. Third-row seating, five-speed ratings, proactive 4WD, and a DVD navigation system are only the

MDX is powered by a gutsy 3.5-liter V6 and a five-speed automatic transmission. With 240 horses and 245 pound-feet of torque, MDX boasts top-of-the-class performance among V6 competitors.

MDX is also smaller and lighter than the competition. MDX also boasts top-of-the-class efficiency with EPA ratings of 17 mpg city and 23 mpg highway. It's the first SUV to be rated as an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle in 150 states.

At 4,400 pounds, MDX is not a lightweight. All that weight is evident when it comes to power in traffic. However, once the MDX's acceleration was added to the handling passing and merging with traffic. With five gears, the transmission is smooth, seamless shifting. MDX's proven Grade Logic Control automatically shifts a lower gear on long

climbs and brake the engine on downgrades, eliminating that jarring gear hunt experienced with other automatics.

Operating normally in front-wheel drive, MDX employs a new 4WD system called Variable Torque Management-4WD. Unlike many conventional all-wheel drive systems, which redistribute traction after a tire begins to slip, VTM-4 works proactively — meaning a computer monitors variables to determine when traction loss might occur, then shifts engine torque to prevent slippage.

In addition, VTM-4 has a lock mode that delivers maximum torque to the rear wheels for steady traction under extremely slippery or "stuck" conditions. With 8-inches of ground clearance, 17-inch wheels, all-season tires and a towing capacity of 4,500 pounds for boat trailers, MDX stands as a confident off-highway transport.

Of course, without true 4WD, MDX will never conquer the Rubicon or other off-road extremes. However, for moderate off-highway duty or tough on-road conditions, the MDX handles its chores. Over a course of deep ruts, muddy trails, and embedded logs, MDX trotted along with efficiency. In fact, in head-to-head competition, MDX outperformed both Lexus and BMW and held its own against the Mercedes ML320.

Inside, the MDX features all the standard extras expected of a luxury SUV, including leather seats, wood trim, heated front seats and a multi-function digital trip computer.

The second- and third-row seats easily split and fold flat into the floor in a variety of combinations. The interior can transform from a seven-passenger minibus to a cargo

Get Off the Road

By Christopher Keane

van of over 81 cubic feet — another best-in-class feature.

An optional navigation system is displayed on the center console screen.

The system contains mapping for the entire continental U.S. on a single DVD disc, as well as a nationwide directory of ATMs, gas stations, restaurants, etc. A unique feature is an "electronic bread crumb" function which traces your trail during off-road excursions in unmapped areas — great for those of us who like to wander around the undiscovered parts of the country.

With five-star safety ratings for all passengers in both front and side impact tests, MDX rolls out as one of the safest SUVs yet.

Advanced safety features include dual-stage front airbags that adjust deployment force according to the severity of impact, side airbags with passenger size and position sensors, a passenger compartment safety shell, and 4-wheel ABS.

Although pricing isn't currently set, MDX won't be weighed down with a hefty tag. Expect MDX to begin near \$35,000 and top out around \$39,000 — about the same as Lexus RX300 and thousands less than Mercedes or BMW.

Who would have thought a rhino could be such an elegant creature? The new 2001 Acura MDX has raced ahead of the pack among compact luxury SUVs. But check it out for yourself.



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Accident studies have resulted in a special design of the door in the Saab 9-3 and 9-5.

The center section of the post

is very rigid to help prevent intrusion into the car's interior cabin.

All Saab models are also equipped with side airbags to protect the heads and chests of the occupants.

Ford Focus rated

Consumer Reports tested four small sedans for the September issue and found one in the under-\$20,000 class that breaks new ground — the Ford Focus.

In tests, the Focus achieved an "excellent" overall score due

to its roomy interior and handling.

The Focus competed against the Nissan Sentra, Dodge Neon and Saturn SL2.

20 years of Quattro

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Second-year college girl falls for big '60 Oldsmobile

By the time Elaina Moy was a university sophomore on the east coast in 1992, she was ready for her first car.

She decided on an older car — perhaps an antique, preferably a muscle car.

With those parameters in mind, she went shopping.

Several cars proved to be disappointing.

Then her father, Mike Moy, told his daughter about a car one of his

colleagues was selling.

The whole family took a ride to investigate a 1960 Oldsmobile Dynamic 88 four-door Celebrity sedan.

Of the 17 models offered by Oldsmobile in 1960, it was the best-selling one. A total of 76,377 such models were built.

Although it wasn't the small-bodied, huge-engined muscle car she was looking for, it nevertheless caught her attention.

It was B-I-G. The 4,091-pound

Oldsmobile was well over 18 feet long and rode on a 122-inch wheelbase.

The 371-cubic-inch V8 produced 240 horsepower to move the car with ease.

The seller had bought it from the original owner, a local physician, and the odometer registered a mere 47,000 miles (about 1,500 miles a year).

The price was right, the car was right and the time was right.

Elaina paid the man and directly faced the next challenge: how to get the car to her parent's home.

"I was scared the first time I drove it," Elaina recalls.

The speedometer wasn't working properly, but her father had come prepared with a pair of CB radios.

"There we were...comparing speedometer readings via radio," says Miss Moy.

Since then, she has had the 120

mph Safety Spectrum speedometer repaired.

From zero it starts out green, and then, as speed increases, the gauge turns orange.

As the far right side of the speedometer approaches, the indicator becomes red.

Upon graduating, Moy made plans to move to San Francisco — a graduation present to herself.

She drove cross-country in 1995 with her four-window air conditioning wide open.

The Oldsmobile has a pair of under-dash air vents to assist in cooling the occupants.

On total highway cruising, the 60 Oldsmobile delivers up to 20 mpg. Around town, Moy reports single-digit mileage figures.

The capacity of the fuel tank — which is filled through the port behind the rear license plate — is 20 gallons.

While in San Francisco, Moy discovered several roundabout routes to frequently visited destinations throughout the city in order to avoid the steepest of the steep hills.

"It might have taken me a little longer," she explains, "but it was easier on the transmission."

While in California, Moy noticed the original blue-over-white paint beginning to show its age.

Oldsmobile offered 15 colors in 1960, and any combination of two-tone was possible. Moy had the car repainted as it was originally.

In 1999, Moy climbed behind the deep-dish, two-spoke steering wheel and thundered back across the continent to the Washington D.C. area.

Moy's Oldsmobile came from the factory equipped with power steering, power brakes and a radio.

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Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

her mother the day she bought the car, Moy had front seat belt stalling.

Over the years, Moy has had her brake system rebuilt and a mission tended to.

"I can fix what's gone wrong with this car," she explains.

Within a couple years, she plans to make a coast-to-coast trek.

The odometer is approaching 80,000 miles, and she says it will be nearing 100,000 by the time she is ready to drive to California.

Before that trip, she plans to have the sturdy V8 rebuilt.

She wants to be certain the car out to remote areas.

When Elaina is coming home, she will have the car out to the back seat.

From one end to the other, the huge Oldsmobile puts Moy at ease.

When behind the big steering wheel of this big car, she feels like a child.

She hastens to add that she has no plans ever to sell her first car.

If you have an antique car, write to Vern Parker details.

(Please no inquiries about buying or buying vehicles.) His address is 2221 Abbottsford Drive, 22818.



371-CUBIC-INCH V8 powers this 18-foot long Olds with 240 horses

Luminaries look to artist for a new direction in auto floor mat designs

By Jill Amadio

The trend towards curving rooflines and rounded corners on cars and trucks is literally finding itself underfoot — that is if you're lucky enough to have floor mats in your new vehicle.

Floor mats are probably the last frontier for automotive stylists, whose attitude towards fabrics is lamentably restrained, although Mercedes Designo studio in Germany makes a grand effort. Buyers who fly to Stuttgart to pick out their new car's interior decor can choose from a variety of textures, colors and shapes.

If you wish the monochrome floor mats in your brand new S500 were just a tad more chic and not quite so, well, square in both senses of the word, maybe you should buy a Lamborghini next time. While you can find BMW, Porsche, Nissan, Dodge, and other manufacturers' floor mats on the Internet and in dealer showrooms, Lamborghini and Ferrari tap Keith Collins, a Los Angeles tapestry artist, to come up with toe-tick-

ling textured mats that dazzle even the most jaded of connoisseurs.

The popularity of customized floor mats is accelerating, according to Collins, because most vehicles have no floor mats or, at best, supply mats of poor quality. He's created everything from quilted leather and mink mats to elaborate silk ones for his clients.

Singer Michael Jackson decided only a royal crest, copied from England's Prince of Wales' own seal, was good enough for him, while basketball star Shaq O'Neal prefers a Superman logo. Magic Johnson ordered abstract graphics for his Navigator, and Snoop Doggy Dogg wanted doberman pawprints in black mouton fur woven into his mats. Movie star Nicolas Cage is into dragons for the back seat of his Rolls Royce. Eddie Murphy just wanted plain white sheepskin, and Sylvester Stallone was content with a gun design.

When a car company adds a new paint color, stylists must find matching or complementary fabrics. For Collins, it's a lot more complicated. "Mercedes-Benz has the most un-

usual exterior color line right now," said Collins, "with names like Opal and Garnet. These are off-colors, unlike standard red, black and blue. So the designs I am creating for these cars reflect the geometric shapes of gemstones. Abstract art is hot, tremendously popular this year for handmade floor mats, with color splashes, swirls, triangles, and crazy-paving."

The artist's designs are influenced by the car's shape. Sport utes get boxy designs on their mats. One SUV owner ordered a towboat picture. For

the softer, more rounded Ferrari 550 Maranello, Collins designed a sophisticated but subtle floor mat with curved corners, while the more angular Mercedes-Benz models sent Collins to the drawing board with his T-squares. Not surprisingly, New Beetle owners are ordering mats imbedded with red wool ladybugs.

Among his most recognized automotive tapestries are the Rothman's Porsche championship model, Carroll Shelby's 427 Cobra, and several Ferraris for Enzo Ferrari. Other works hang in collections such as

the Old Timers Garage in Switzerland, Matsuda's collection in Japan, the Downing Museum in England, and the War family collection in Chicago.

With floor plans of every new vehicle model hanging in racks at his studio, Collins can design just about

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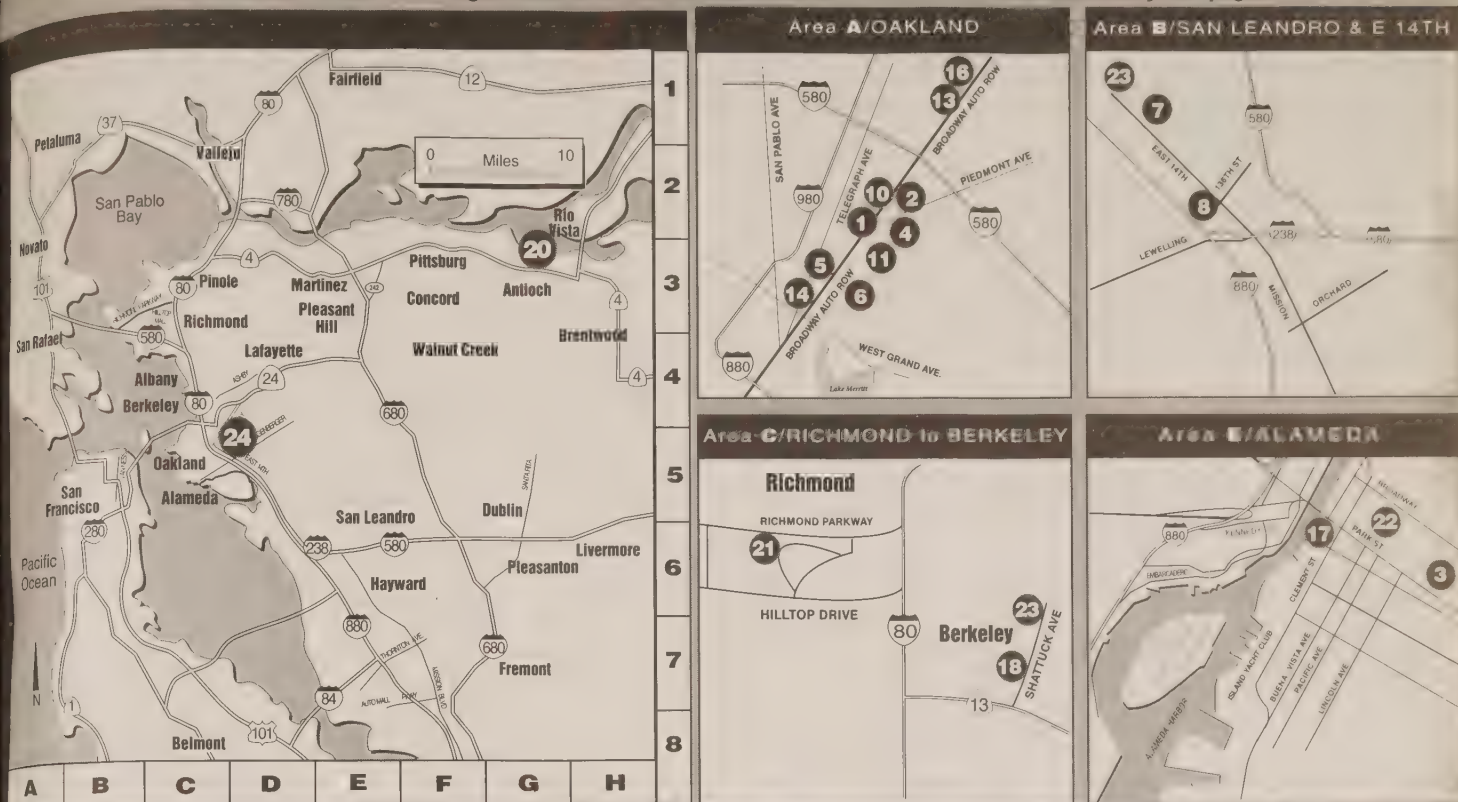
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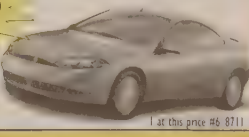
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Veggies sizzle on the grill

By NATALIE HAUGHTON
LOS ANGELES DAILY NEWS

Grilling and backyard barbecues most often conjure up images of sizzling steaks, burgers, chicken or fish.

But what if you ever crossed your mind to grill a colorful array of fresh vegetables on the grill? If not, you'll be amazed at how simple, healthy and fabulous tasting vegetable produce can be.

"Most vegetables cook beautifully on the grill with just a minimum of preparation or attention," notes Kelly McCune in "Vegetables on the Grill" cookbook.

"We have been encouraging people to grill an entire meal on the grill for years, and finally people are coming around," says Kelly Hughes, consumer affairs director for Weber-Stephen Products Co., the company that manufactures Weber grills. "People are really missing out if they don't grill vegetables on the grill."

Grilling vegetables heightens their natural sweetness resulting in a fabulous smoky, caramelized flavor that is very different from those that are steamed, microwaved or boiled.

The smoky flavor is derived from the heat of the grill as the vegetables drop down the grill's heat source and thus cook and caramelizing the sugars in the vegetables, says Hughes. "You'll get the same smoky flavor whether you use a gas or charcoal grill."

For more of a wood flavor add flavored chips to a gas grill, advises Hughes. Simply place wet chips in a small foil pan and put the pan in the hottest area of the grill, underneath the cooking grates, which will keep the grill in the front left hand corner. Don't place the food directly above the chips to avoid a flare up or a fire.

Experiment and learn what works best for your grill. Here are some tips for success gleaned from experts and our own experience:

Vegetables are easiest to manage and hold their shape best when grilled in larger pieces. For instance, cut zucchini and eggplant (either Japanese or regular) into lengthwise slices rather than small pieces.

Tomatoes are best grilled halved rather than in slices or quarters. Same goes for red, white or yellow onions and red, green or yellow bell peppers. Asparagus, mushrooms and green onions should be left whole.

To keep asparagus spears from falling through the cooking grates, use thicker spears or tie thinner spears together into bundles of five or six spears with plain kitchen twine.

There are several ways to grill corn on the cob. You can soak the husks in water for an hour and then place them on the grill or cook in the husks without soaking. Unlike other veggies, corn needs to be turned often when grilling. If desired, a couple of minutes before serving, peel back the husks to get a little brown color and grill marks on their natural sweetness resulting in a fabulous smoky, caramelized flavor.

For best results and fastest cooking, be sure the grill is very hot before adding the vegetables of your choice, emphasizes Hughes. Start a charcoal grill 30 minutes in advance of cooking or preheat a gas grill for 10 to 15 minutes.

The simplest and best way to grill vegetables is to brush them all over with olive or vegetable oil, and place on the grill. No blanching needed. While we prefer to

season with salt and garlic or regular pepper after grilling, some cooks like to toss the vegetables with oil, salt and pepper prior to grilling. Don't bother to marinate vegetables before grilling as they don't absorb much, if any, marinade.

For more flavor — after grilling — drizzle the produce with herb-flavored oils, dressings or marinades and fresh herbs, but go easy so the sweet flavors of the vegeta-

bles dominate. Hughes likes to add bottled vinaigrette dressing to a platter of grilled vegetables before serving as a side dish.

Be sure the cooking grates are clean before you grill, notes Lisa Hanauer, an Oakland-based food writer and former chef restaurateur, who loves grilling vegetables and shares her corn-on-the-cob grilling tricks in the September issue of Taunton's Fine Cooking magazine.

Although grill experts have differing opinions, we found wiping the cooking grates lightly with oiled paper towels prevents the vegetables from sticking. Experiment and see what works best for you.

For best results, grill vegetables over direct medium to medium high heat, turning once half way through the cooking

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White peach holds pedigree as centuries-old tradition

By Kristin Eddy
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The new look surprises many. Generations of peach lovers identify the fruit's flesh as a soft, orange color that the white peach can seem spooky.

Used to it, folks, because the white peach is "a hot commodity now," according to Ian Mer-

win of Cornell University. Merwin, a professor of pomology, or fruit sciences, says that consumers are attracted to the white peach's slightly higher sugar content compared with the traditional peach, as well as the novelty of the color.

Growers are interested in the fruit because it brings renewed interest to the industry, which traditionally

has marketed the fruit only by state designation, such as Georgia or California peaches. "There is a tremendous amount of emotion and allegiance to apple varieties among consumers," Merwin says. "If someone is a Fuji apple eater and it's not in the store, they might not substitute another apple, such as Granny Smith. With peaches, they only look for what is ripe."

Although not as diverse as apples, peaches do indeed vary in color from reddish, deep pink and orange peaches to those with the palest flesh possible.

"I could give you about 30 names," says Don Baiers, president of the Michigan Peach Sponsors Association in Berrien County, Mich. "But if we get too many names out there it will confuse people. They are used to looking for just a plain peach."

White-fleshed peaches may be new to some markets, but they are a centuries-old tradition in Europe and Asia.

Native to China, peaches were

once known as Persian apples, named for the part of the world that introduced the peach to Europe, according to The Food Lover's Companion. But most of trees in this country produce fruit with yellow and orange flesh. And though California is the biggest grower of peaches in the U.S., it's the South, not the West Coast, that is most readily identified as a peach-loving region; the fruit can be found from Georgia to Arkansas at any meal, pickled, canned and cobbler-ed.

But if consumers haven't devoted too much thought to shades of peach flesh, it may be because it can be difficult to find one that tastes good. The peaches of our dreams ooze sweet juice from a flushed peach flesh. In reality, they often turn out hard, tasteless and uniform in color.

Peaches have their major botanical distinction at the core of the fruit, being divided into either free-

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Luscious ways to treat a peach

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicken Potato Pancakes
Preparation time: 45 minutes
Cooking time: 55 minutes
Serves: 6 servings

Chicken pancakes:
4 medium chicken thighs
1/2 cup freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup grated potato, squeezed dry
1/2 cup onion, grated
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup pepper sauce
1/2 cup lightly beaten egg
1/2 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons butter

Peach salsa:
2 large ripe peaches, peeled, diced
1 tablespoon lemon or lime juice
6 green onions, chopped
2 tomatoes, seeded, cut in strips
1 tablespoon each, minced:
jalapeno, cilantro
1/3 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons sherry or red wine
vinegar
2 teaspoons honey

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees.
Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper and place skin side up in

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Veggies

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Grill bread on both sides until golden, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes per side. Transfer vegetables and bread to a cutting board and chop all into 3/4-inch chunks. Combine with tomato mixture, tossing well. Adjust seasoning to taste. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 6 servings.

Grilled tomato halves with cheese and basil

3 large firm, ripe tomatoes, halved
2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
OR 2 teaspoons dried basil
1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese OR more to taste
Small basil leaves for garnish
Brush tomatoes with olive oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place on oiled grill, cut side down, 4 to 5 inches from hot coals. Grill 4 to 5 minutes. Turn tomatoes using a wide spatula, and sprinkle with basil and cheese.

Cook 3 to 5 minutes longer or until tomatoes are tender but still hold their shape. Remove from grill and garnish with basil leaves. Serve hot or warm. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

The mark of great veggies

Here's a guide to grilling selected vegetables. Keep in mind that grilling times are dependent on lots of factors including how hot the grill is, the temperature of the food prior to grilling, the

thickness and tenderness of the food being cooked, etc.

Artichokes: Trim whole and baby artichokes and cut in quarters (or in half if small). Parboil just until tender; cool and toss with olive oil and salt and pepper, if desired. Grill, covered, directly over medium coals or medium heat on gas grill, cut side up first, turning once, about 5 to 7 minutes.

Has it ever crossed your mind to toss a colorful array of fresh vegetables on the grill? If not, you'll be amazed at how simple, healthy and fabulous tasting grilled produce can be.

utes per side until nicely browned and tender.

Asparagus: Trim tough stems; coat with olive oil and salt and pepper, if desired. Grill directly over medium heat, turning frequently, about 5 to 8 minutes total, until nicely browned.

Bell peppers: Cut peppers in half lengthwise and remove seeds. Brush lightly all over with olive oil. Grill over medium coals, turning occasionally, until tender, about 12 to 15 minutes total. You should have nice brown grill marks.

Corn: Shuck corn, rub with butter and salt and wrap in foil OR leave corn in the husk and remove just a few outer layers.

Grill corn, covered, in foil directly over medium heat, turning as necessary.

Grill corn in husk, covered over medium hot coals, turning frequently. Grill corn in foil about

20 minutes, turning once. Grill corn in husks 10 to 15 minutes or longer, until charred all over. Remove from husk and leave on grill a minute or two to sear and gain grill marks and more smoky flavor.

Eggplant: Cut regular or Japanese eggplant in half lengthwise or into 3/4-inch thick lengthwise slices. Brush generously with

medium coals, turning occasionally until tender about 4 to 5 minutes.

Red or yellow onions: Cut onions in half and brush with olive oil. Grill over medium-hot coals about 5 to 7 minutes per side, until soft, but not limp, lightly charred and translucent.

If charring too fast, move to indirect heat to finish grilling.

Potatoes: Quarter or halve small red or yellow potatoes; cut Idahoes lengthwise into slices; parboil if desired in microwave oven; toss with olive oil, salt and fresh herbs.

Grill directly over medium-hot coals; move to indirect heat (with grill covered) to finish cooking if not parboiled.

Grill 4 to 6 minutes per side, until well browned all over; cook with indirect heat 6 to 7 minutes to finish if not parboiled.

Tomatoes: Cut large tomatoes in half. Brush lightly with oil. Grill over medium coals, turning once until heated through, 5 to 7 minutes total.

Watch carefully to avoid overcooking and having tomatoes lose their shape and become limp.

Squash (yellow or zucchini): Cut small squash (about 3 to 4 ounces each) in half lengthwise. Cut large zucchinis into thick lengthwise slices. Brush lightly with oil.

Grill over medium coals, turning occasionally until tender, 8 to 12 minutes total.

Sweet potatoes: Pare potatoes and slice 1/2 inch thick. Brush lightly with oil. Grill over medium heat, turning occasionally until tender, 14 to 16 minutes total.

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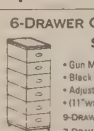
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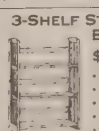
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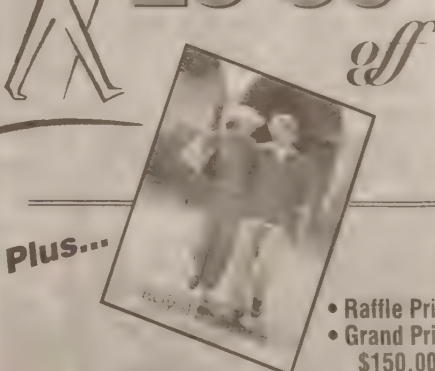
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Peach And Raspberry
 Preparation time: 50 minutes
 Cooking time: 35 minutes
 Yield: 10 servings

peaches, peeled, sliced
 raspberries
 sugar
 flour
 cinnamon
 salt
 baking powder
 sugar
 salt

6 tablespoons unsalted butter
 ¼ cup milk
 ¼ cup whipping cream
 Flour, sugar
 Vanilla ice cream

1. For fruit, combine peaches, raspberries, sugar, flour and cinnamon in large mixing bowl; pour into greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Set aside. Heat oven to 425 degrees

2. For biscuits, mix flour, baking

powder, 1 tablespoon sugar and salt in medium bowl. Cut butter into flour mixture with pastry blender, two knives or food processor. Stir in milk and cream until just combined (don't overmix); turn onto floured surface. Knead dough about 10 times; roll or pat to ½-inch thick. Cut into circles or other shapes with biscuit cutter; place biscuits on top of fruit. If you don't have a biscuit cutter, you can use the top of a drinking glass.

Peaches

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—Adapted from "Bill Neal's Southern Cooking."

Peach Dumplings With
Peach Sauce

Preparation time: 1 hour
 Cooking time: 40 minutes
 Yield: 12 servings



Peach sauce:

- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 4 large peaches, peeled, chopped
- 1 cup water

Dumplings:

- 1 ½ cups flour
- 4 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 large peaches, peeled, chopped
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 ½ cups buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Topping:

- 1 cup chilled whipping cream

- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. For sauce, mix sugar, cornstarch, vanilla, allspice and salt in saucepan; stir in peaches. Heat to boil, stirring occasionally, until mixture is thickened, about 10 minutes

2. For dumplings, combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Stir in peaches and pecans. Combine buttermilk and oil; stir into flour mixture just until ingredients are moistened.

3. Pour sauce into 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Drop dumpling dough into sauce using large serving spoon, leaving space between each. Bake until dumplings are cooked through and sauce is bubbly, 30 minutes.

4. For topping, beat cream in bowl of electric mixer on medium speed until fluffy. Add sugar and vanilla; beat on high speed until soft peaks form. Serve over warm dumplings

—Adapted from "Shuck Beans, Stack Cakes and Honest Fried Chicken," by Ronni Lundy.

Peach, Bacon
& Watercress Salad

Preparation time: 15 minutes
 Cooking time: 10 minutes
 Yield: 6 servings

- 6 strips thick-cut bacon
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 3 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 1 teaspoon each: stone-ground mustard, honey
- 1 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 2 heads Boston lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1 cup watercress leaves
- 2 ripe peaches, peeled, sliced

Cook bacon until crisp in medium skillet. Drain on paper towels; cool, crumble. Whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard, honey and red pepper in small bowl. Combine lettuce, watercress, peaches and bacon in large bowl. Toss with vinaigrette.

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For all the domestic demand for blueberries, a market is building overseas. The bilberry, a close relative to the blueberry, is native to France and parts of Europe, but so far New Jersey berries are not big

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1/4 cup sprigs

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Press gently with the back of a spoon to release juice from berries. (You can pass juice through a cheesecloth to remove seeds.)

Add brandy to pitcher or bottle, and refrigerate. Shrub will keep for several weeks.

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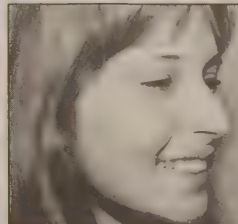


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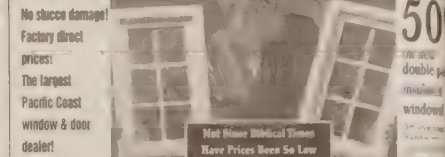
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In January 1983, a devastating fire destroyed the Diablo Inn. Vince Aiello and his wife, Joan rebuilt the restaurant and remodeled the interior with elegant solid oak and gorgeous stained glass windows giving the atmosphere a San Francisco feel to it. In honor of Vince's father, the Aiello's renamed the restaurant Snooker Pete's. The menu has a large variety of different entries to choose from including "blackened" Cajun dishes, steak, veal & fresh seafood prepared by Vince & Joan Aiello, both accomplished chefs.

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...the last 20 years, varieties of blueberries have been developed that are adapted to the hotter climates of the southern states like Florida and California, which now produce more than 100,000 pounds of fruit. The berries are used in many ways, from fresh fruit to jams and preserves. They are also used in baking, such as in blueberry pies and cakes. The berries are a healthy fruit, rich in antioxidants and fiber. They are also a good source of vitamin C and potassium. The berries are a versatile fruit that can be enjoyed in many ways.

...the study put blueberries on top, followed by blackberries, kale and garlic. The findings were well received last year and led to what has been a recognizable, if not dramatic, uptick in blueberry sales. Most of the fresh berries Worrell are picked by hand, because they command a better price. Many harvesters, both the deluxe, tractor-like model and the smaller, tractor-powered by a tractor, are boxy contraptions that straddle the berries, brushing berries off with a conveyor belt in a bin. The machines, though, are popular on the berries and significantly pickier than the pickers. The harvested berries are most often sold to companies like Ocean Spray to be made into purees, jams and juices.

...the most subtle flaw in a berry is the presence of a green berry tint, or a faintly darker cast to the berry will influence the price. Blueberries are moderately perishable, hand-picked at the perfect point of firm ripeness, they will last 10 to 15 days if refrigerated. They also freeze extremely well. In the end, what makes blueberries irresistible is their taste. A small handful of fresh berries might be the simplest way to experience them, but cooking with them, for those who can defer gratification, intensifies their flavor.

...heating blueberries moderately with a little water and sugar makes a simple, versatile sauce. After a few minutes on the flame, the berries soften and liquefy, reducing to a thick blueberry concentrate, delicious when drizzled over vanilla ice cream or a pound cake. The syrup keeps for several days in the refrigerator. Although they are frequently paired with other berries in desserts, prefer to keep blueberries to themselves, to avoid outshining them with an assertive raspberry or strawberry flavor.

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Lemon, lime and cinnamon, used sparingly, can complement and enhance the natural essence of blueberry. Or toss a cinnamon stick or even a bay leaf (a distant cousin of the blueberry) into the simmering sauce to add complexity.

But always, be careful not to oversweeten blueberry desserts, which too many cooks do. Go easy on the sugar and instead, add more blueberries. A handful more never hurt a recipe. And it just might help you live longer.

BLUEBERRY-BANANA PANCAKES

Adapted from "The Black Dog Summer on the Vineyard Cookbook," by Joe Hall and Elaine Sullivan (Little, Brown & Co., 2000)

Time: 30 minutes

1½ cup unbleached all-purpose flour
½ cup buckwheat flour
½ cup whole wheat flour
2 tablespoons cornmeal
4 tablespoons sugar
2½ teaspoons baking powder
¾ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons cinnamon
4 eggs
2½ cups whole milk
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 pint fresh blueberries
1 thinly sliced banana

1. Mix dry ingredients together in a medium sized bowl. In a separate bowl, beat eggs with 2½ cups milk and the melted butter.

2. Add wet mixture to dry ingredients and mix gently with a wooden spoon. Add additional milk if mixture is too thick. Gently fold in blueberries.

3. Heat a griddle, adding a small pat of butter. Ladle batter onto hot griddle and place three or four slices of banana on each pancake. Cook until tops are dimpled with tiny bubbles, then flip and finish cooking for a minute longer. Serve with butter and maple syrup.

Yield: 6 servings.

ORANGE SOUR CREAM CAKE WITH BLUEBERRY COMPOTE

45 minutes plus cooling time

For the cake:

1½ cups sifted cake flour
¾ cups sugar
¾ teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon baking soda
Grated rind of 1 orange
Pinch of salt
4½ ounces (9 tablespoons) butter, at room temperature
½ cup sour cream
3 large egg yolks
½ teaspoon orange extract
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Nonstick vegetable oil spray

For the compote:

¼ cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon cornstarch
½ cup sugar
2 pints (8 cups) fresh blueberries, washed and dried
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon elderberry essence, optional (see note)
Pinch of salt.

1. To prepare the cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In bowl of a mixer with a paddle attachment, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, orange rind and salt. Cut butter into small pieces and

add to bowl. Mix at low speed until crumbly.

2. Add ¼ cup sour cream. Mix at medium speed until smooth and paste-like. Scrape bowl and add remaining ¼ cup sour cream and egg yolks. Beat at high speed for 1 minute. Scrape bowl and add orange extract and vanilla extract. Beat at high speed until light and fluffy, about 1 more minute.

3. Coat bottom and sides of an 8-inch cake pan with nonstick spray. Scrape batter into pan and smooth with a spatula. Bake until top is golden brown and a toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Remove from oven. Cool.

4. To prepare compote: In a medium glass, enameled or other nonreactive saucepan, combine lemon juice, cornstarch and sugar. Mix until smooth. Add blueberries, vanilla extract, elderberry essence and salt. Stir gently to mix. Place over medium-low heat and simmer just until liquid thickens and blue-

berries darken in color. Remove from heat and transfer to a bowl.

5. To serve, remove cake from pan. Slice and serve topped with blueberry compote.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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Potato salad: an American summer tradition

NATALIE HAUGHTON
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Potato salad, no matter how it is prepared, is a summer holiday tradition for barbecues or picnics. It's served with grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and fish.

Potato salads conjure up lots of happy memories depending on what part of the country you hail from. There are probably as many variations and subtle nuances on the theme as there are cooks.

Some may be dressed with plain ketchup, while others with a hot mustard dressing. Accents range from prepared yellow mustard and dill pickles to sweet

pickle relish, celery, green or white onions, chopped red pepper, cucumbers, olives, assorted seasonings and more. Many also include copious amounts of chopped hard cooked eggs.

Today there are even numerous trendy, contemporary, new-fangled creations, running the gamut from oil and vinegar-based salads with lots of vegetables to curried salads with yogurt, mango chutney and dried fruits — and even Greek renditions with crumbled feta cheese, Kalamata olives, cucumbers, tomatoes and such. You can turn potato salads into main dishes in the blink of an eye with the addition of chopped up ham, chicken, salmon, shrimp and more.

So what kind of potatoes are best, what is the best way to cook the potatoes and when should you cut up the potatoes? It all depends on who's cooking and who you're talking to.

In a chapter on the Perfect Potato Salad in her cookbook, "The Perfect Recipe," (Houghton Mifflin), author Pam Anderson includes the following recommendations.

"Use low-starch potatoes, boil them in their skins, don't salt the water (seasonings don't penetrate the potato skin), don't peel the potatoes unless you really want to and use a serrated knife to cut them. While the potatoes are still warm, drizzle them with a splash of vinegar. Then proceed with the recipe."

But other cooks have different thoughts. Some prefer redskin or white new potatoes, while others use Yukon Gold, Idaho or russets.

"The type of potato to use in a potato salad has long been a point of contention with potato salad aficionados," writes Philip Stephen Schulz in his cookbook, "As American as Apple Pie" (Simon and Schuster).

"Mealy versus waxy. Mealy potatoes (such as Idaho or Maine), considered best for baking and mashing, are 'mealy' because their cells tend to separate when cooked. Waxy potatoes (like Early Rose and

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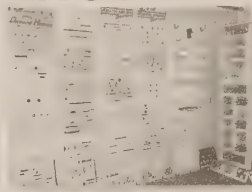
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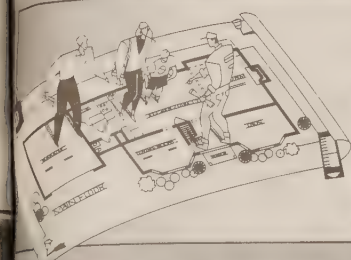
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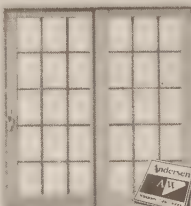
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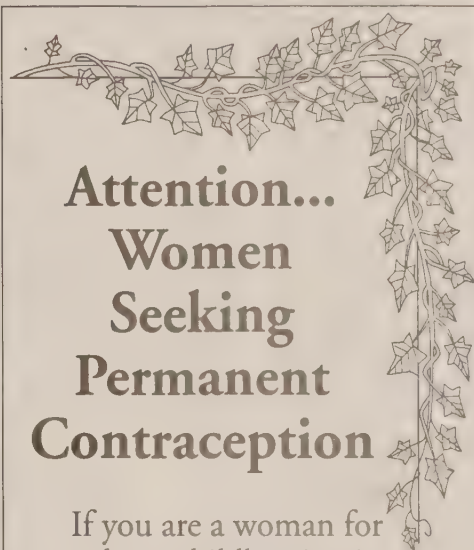
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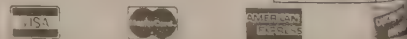
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Idaho and purple potatoes are soft and crumbly and are better for mashed potatoes, she says. After testing several varieties, Anderson preferred low-starch boiling potatoes like Red Bliss and new potatoes.

Boiling was Anderson's method of choice for cooking potatoes. She noted that warm potatoes are just as absorbent as hot ones and hold together much better, so she advises cooling them a bit before cutting.

Shulz writes that potatoes should be cooked unpeeled in boiling water just until tender. "Avoid overcooking as the potatoes will disintegrate when tossed with a dressing," he says.

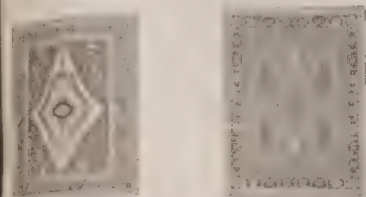
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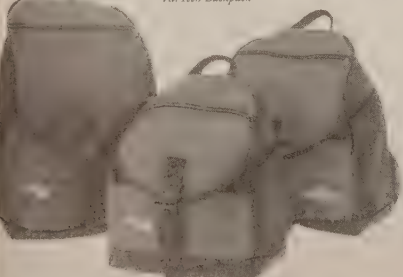
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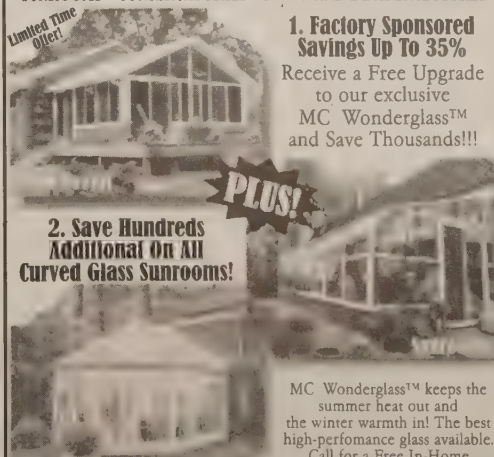
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When our relationships are filled with conflict or emptiness, it is helpful to begin with self-forgiveness and acceptance. When we judge ourselves harshly for our behavior, we make it more difficult to change the behavior to more healthy and productive ways of being. Journaling and speaking with close friends or to an objective professional can help shift the focus from self-blame to acceptance and change.

As challenges arise, it is helpful to focus on our own feelings, rather than focusing on what our partner did or did not do. Communication is more likely to be successful when neither party feels blamed. This can be achieved by using "I statements" (e.g., I feel sad, I feel

angry, I feel burdened, etc.).

Healthy commitment and intimacy involve learning about oneself and your partner in detail. This means addressing the small daily, as well as the long-term problems that every couple faces by communicating frequently and respectfully. Also, we need to express to our partner what we admire and love about him or her. Popular couples author and researcher, John Gottman observed over many years that lasting marriages all have a ratio of at least five positive interactions for each negative one.

When a relationship is experiencing too many negative interactions, self-reflection, reading self-help books and individual or couples therapy can help. Many times, however, before seeking help, couples wait until conflict has built up to a level of crisis, or to the point where at least one party is having serious thoughts of leaving the relationship.

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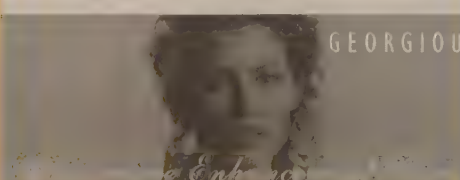
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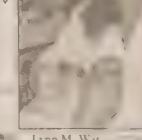
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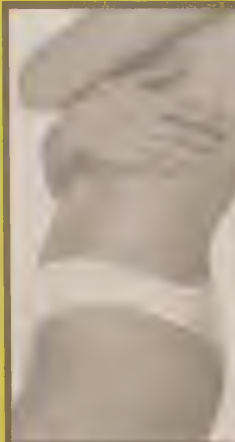
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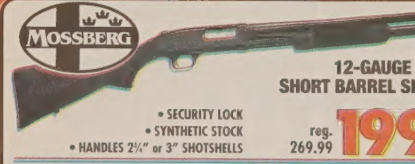
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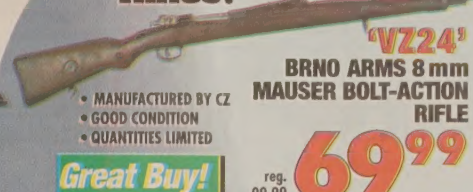
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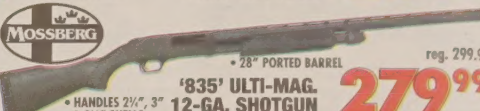
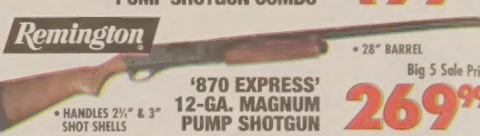
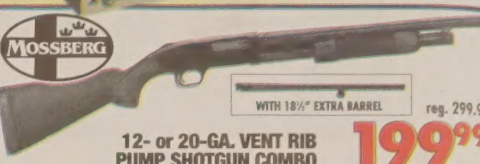
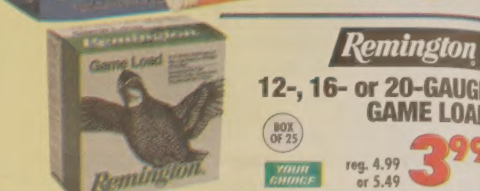
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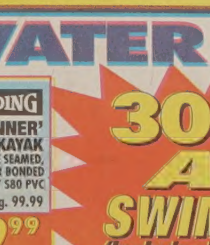
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